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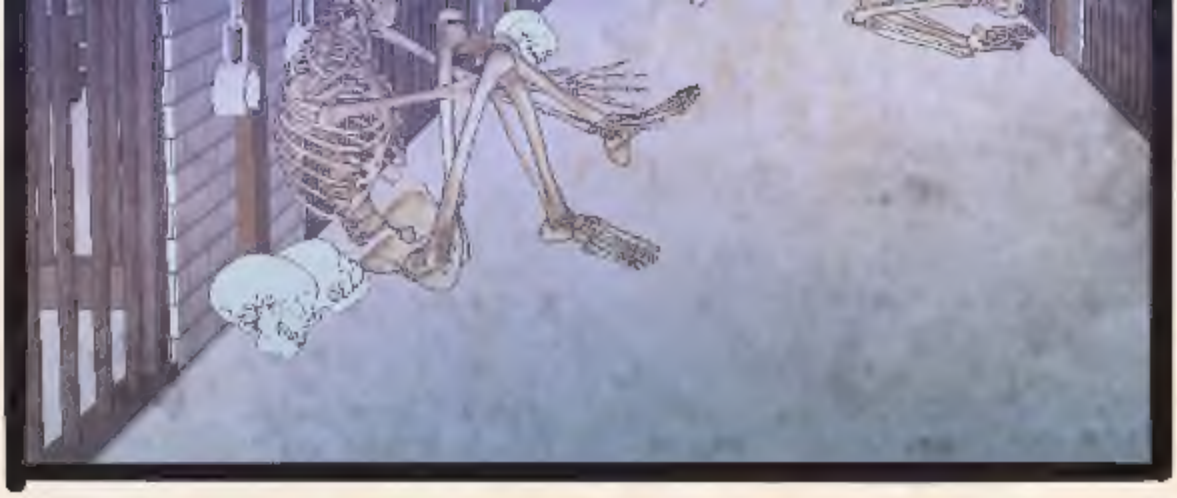

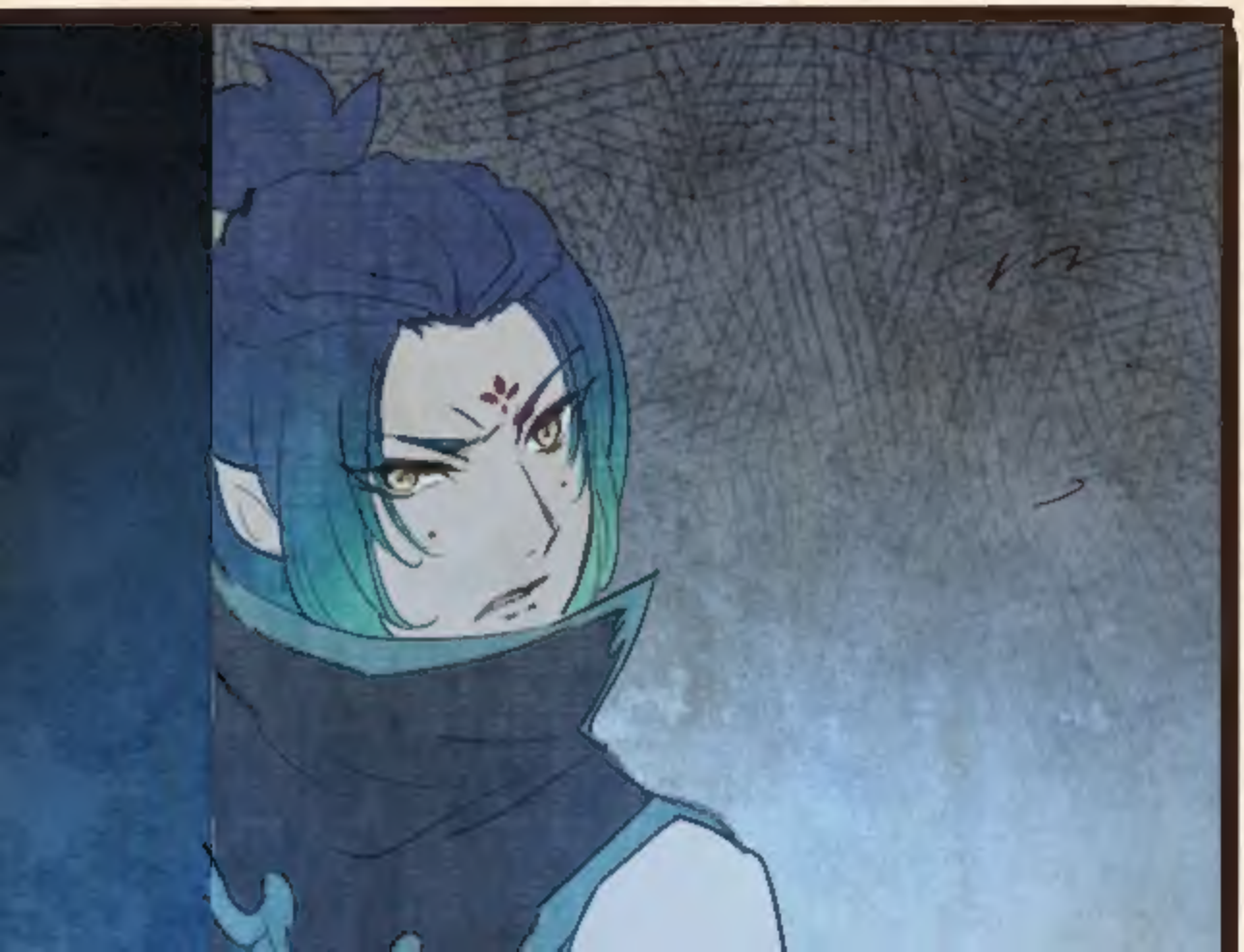

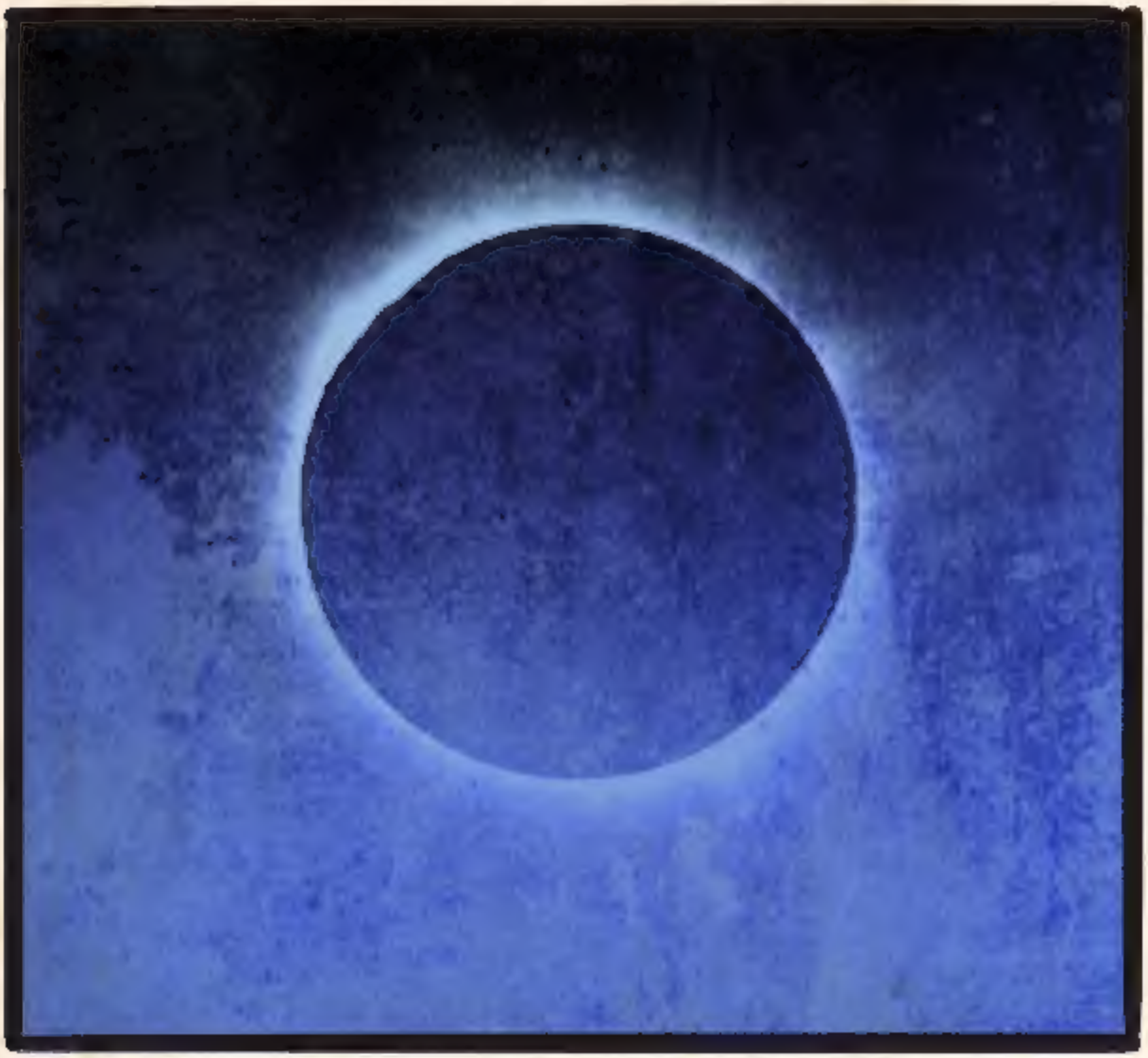

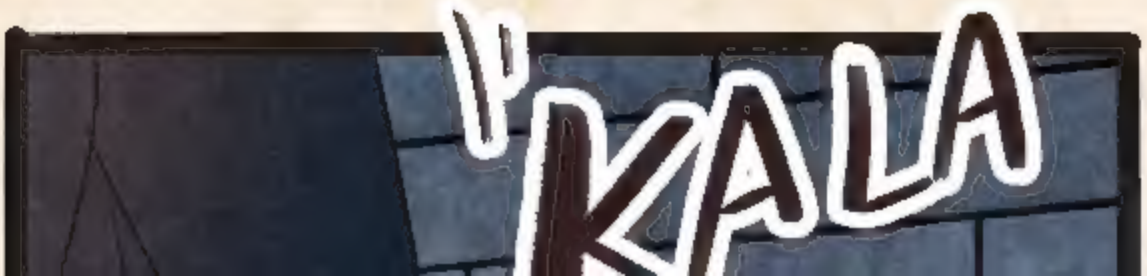
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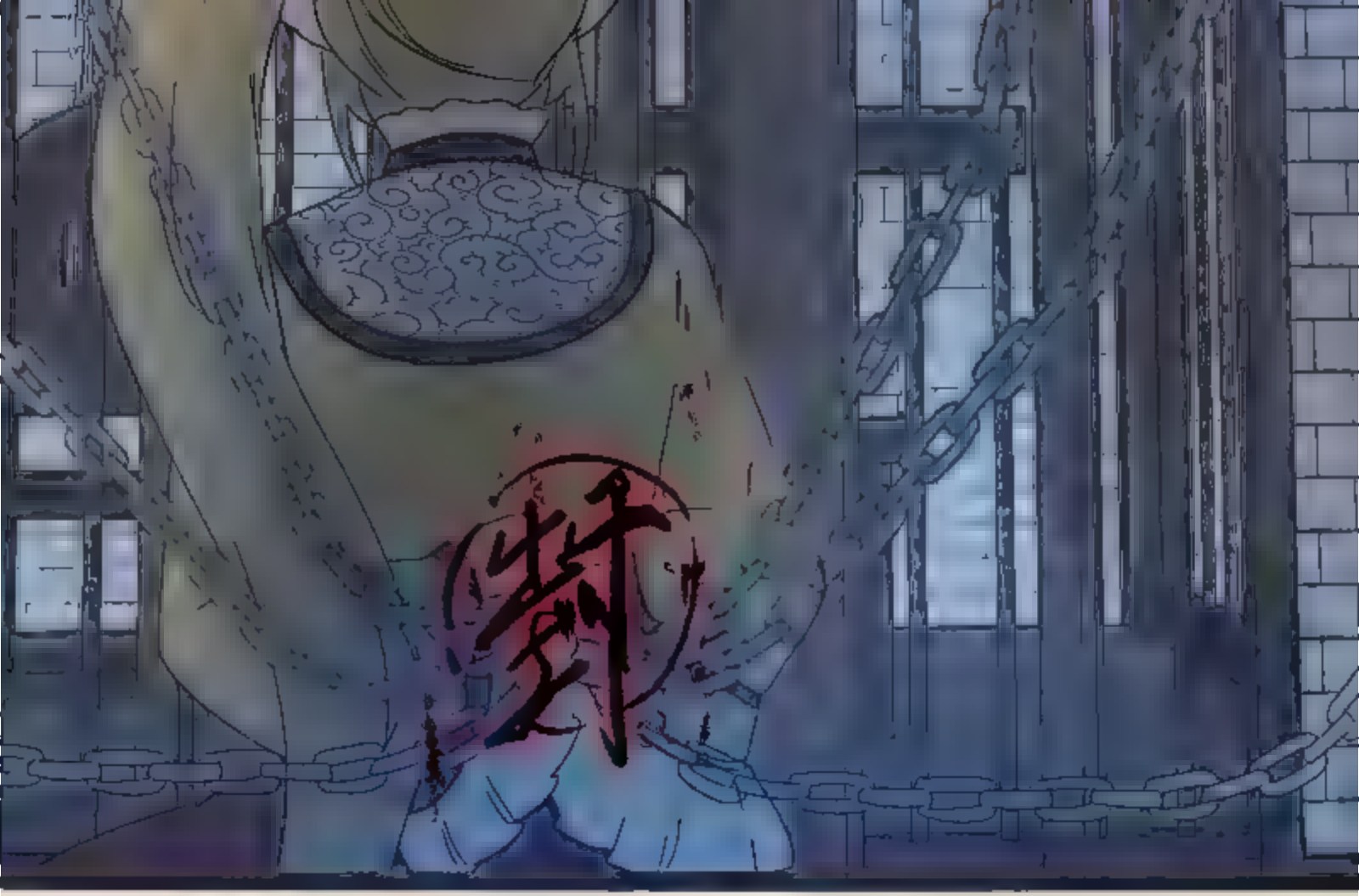
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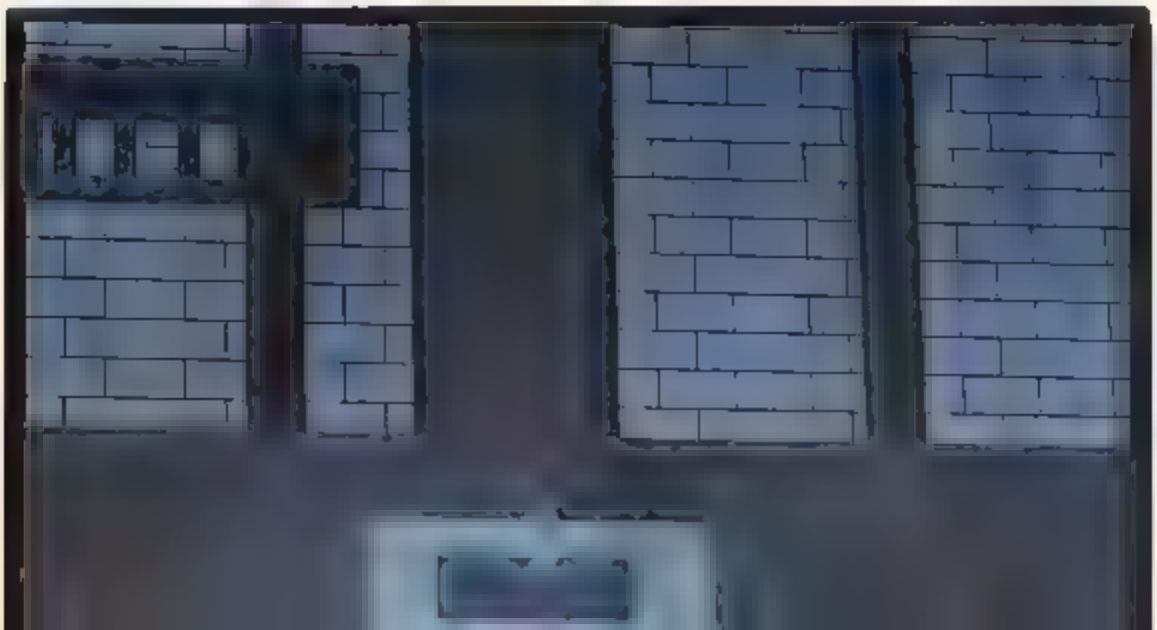

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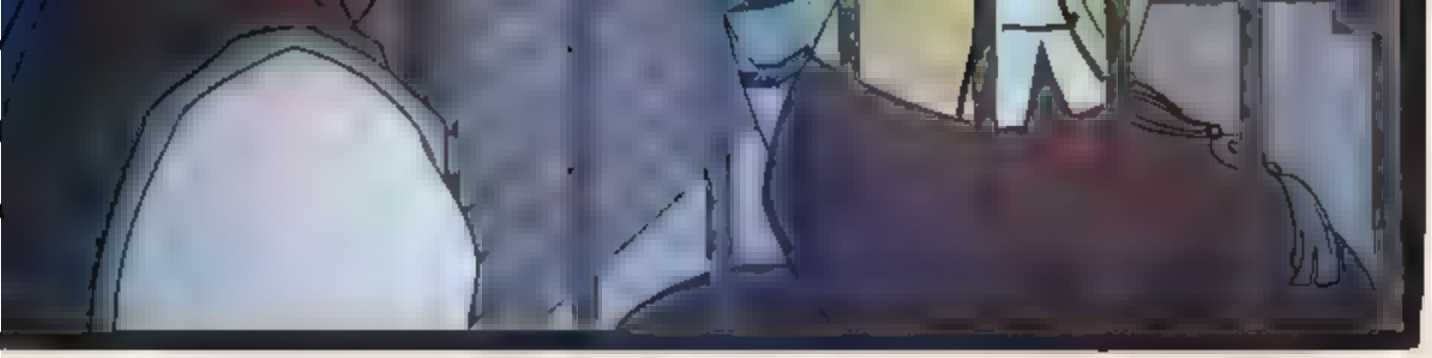
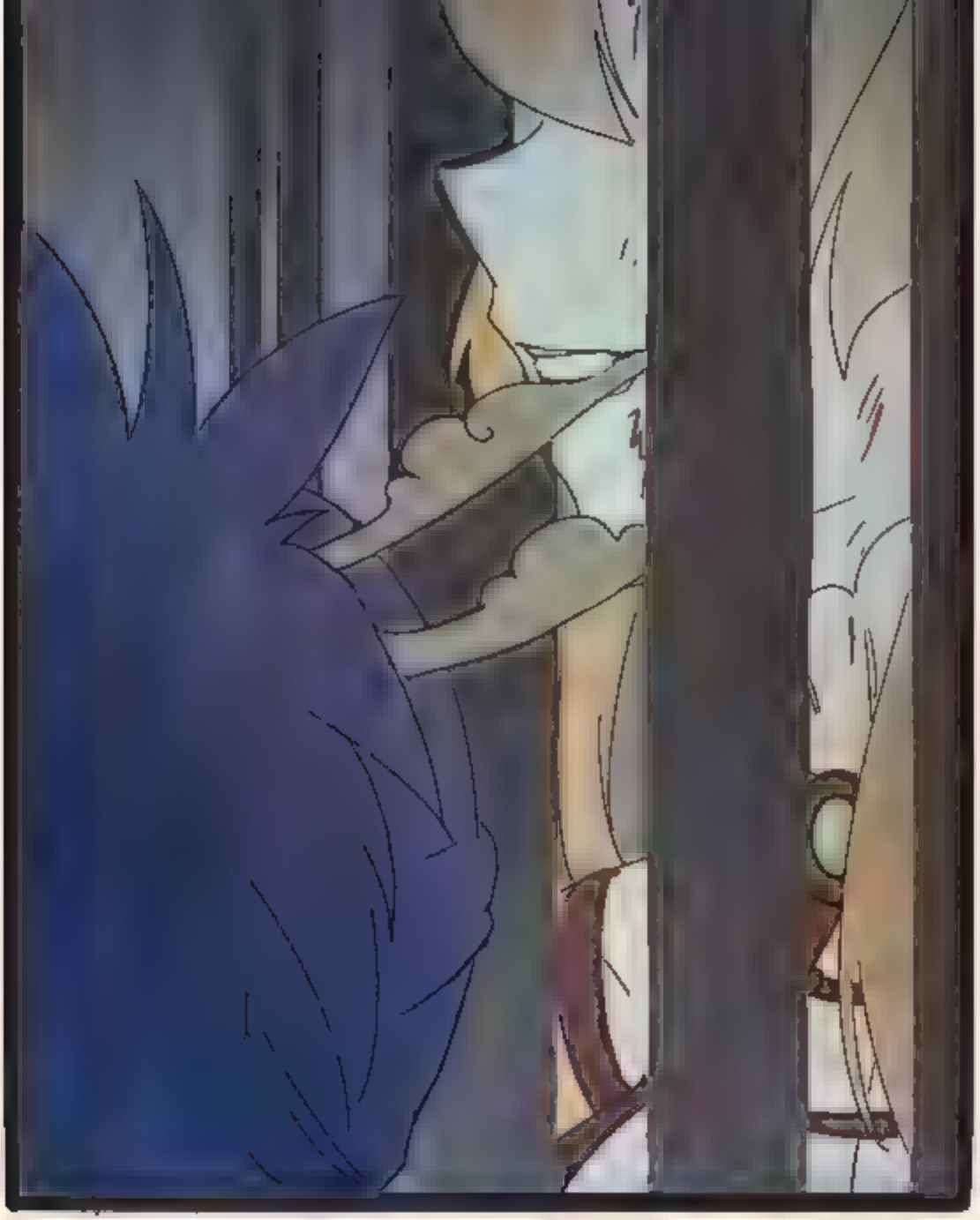
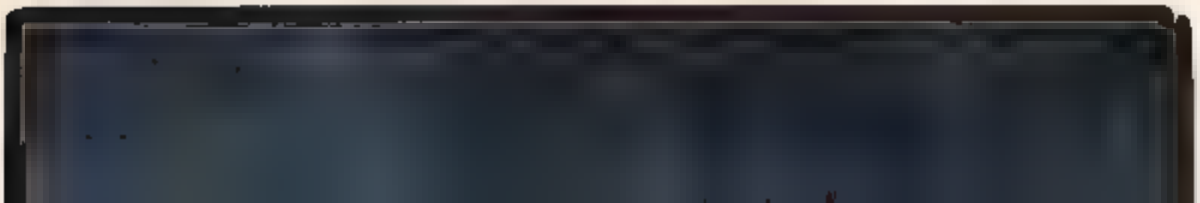
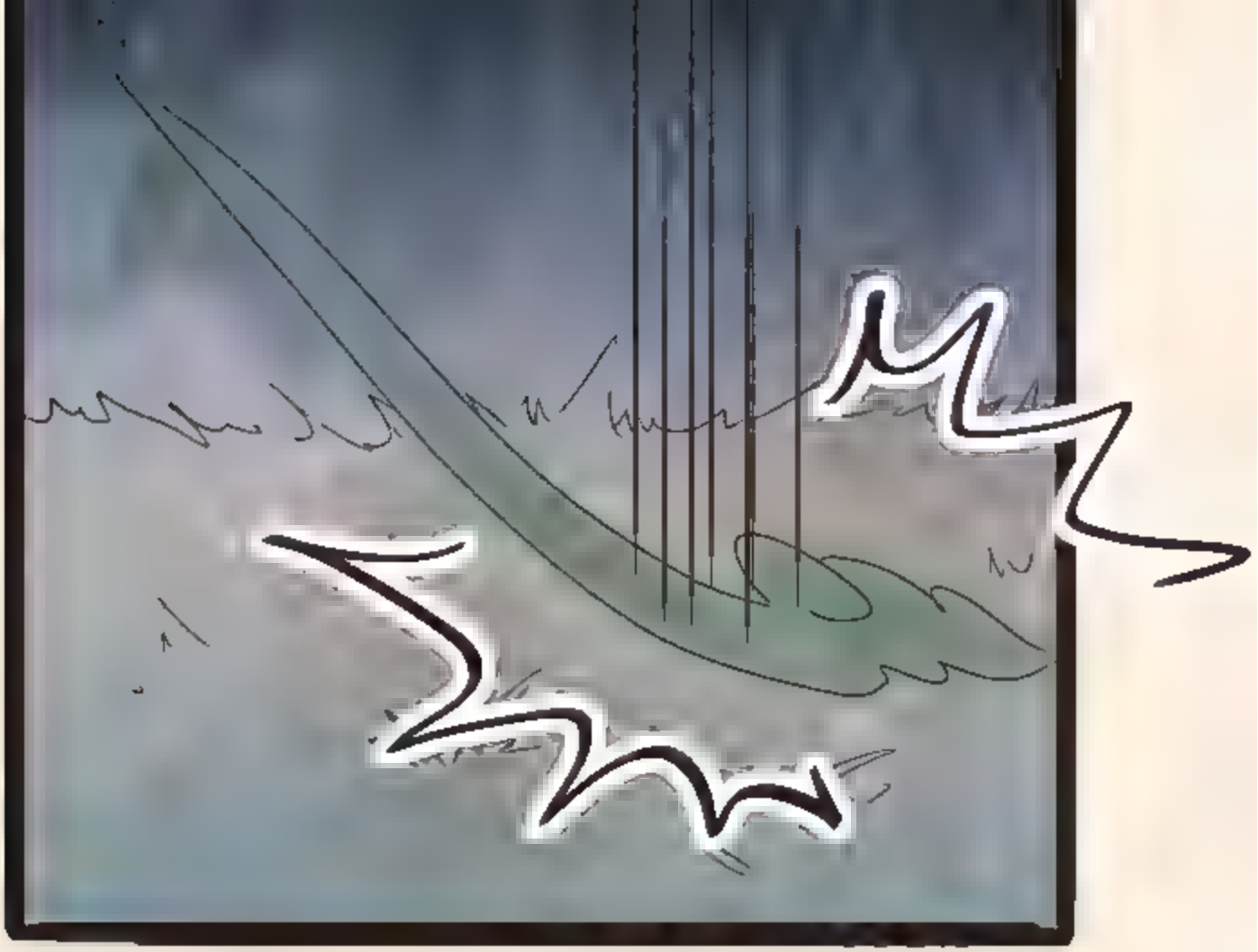


GIVE ME YOUR HAIRPIN.







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ME OPEN.

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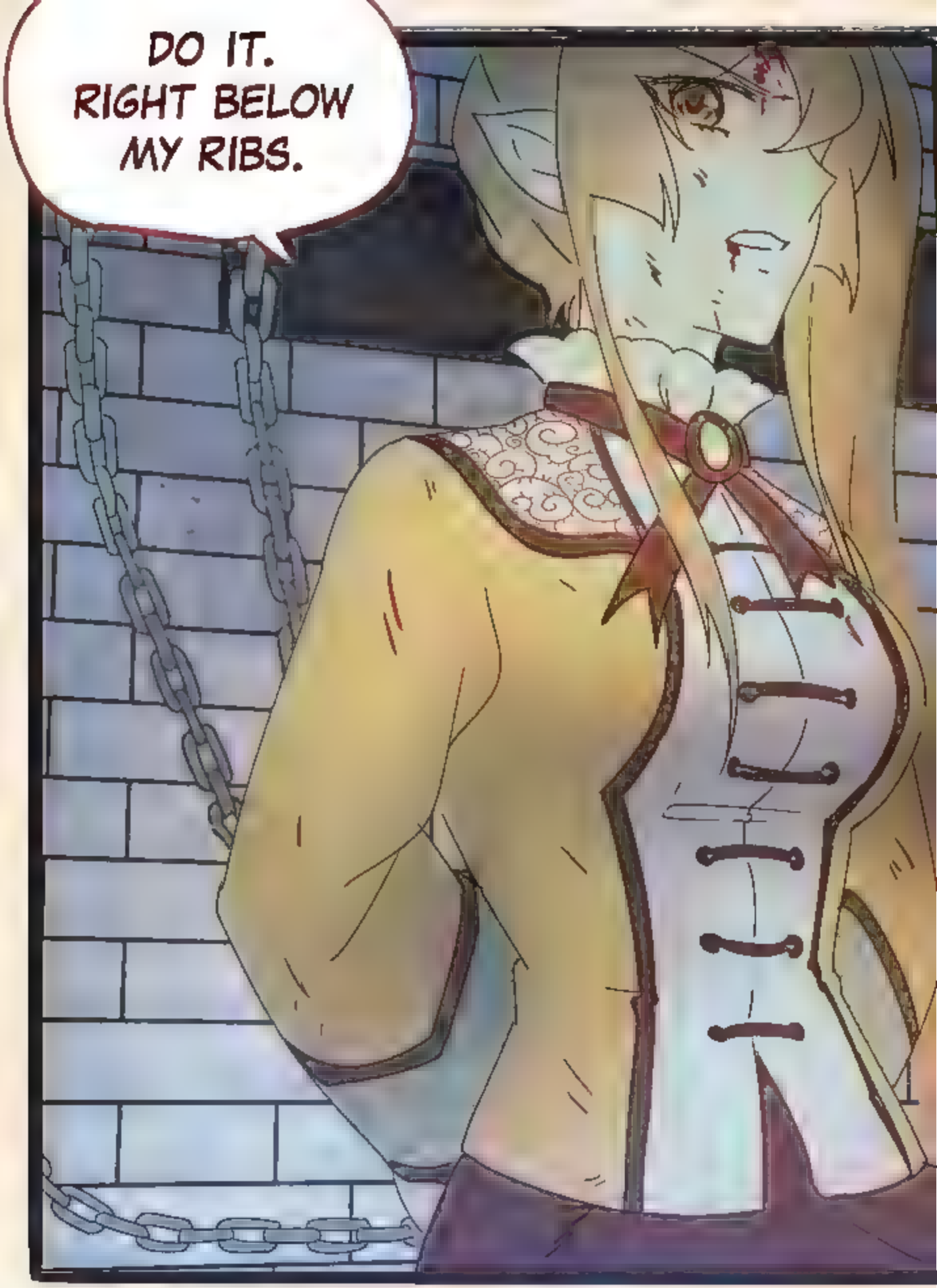
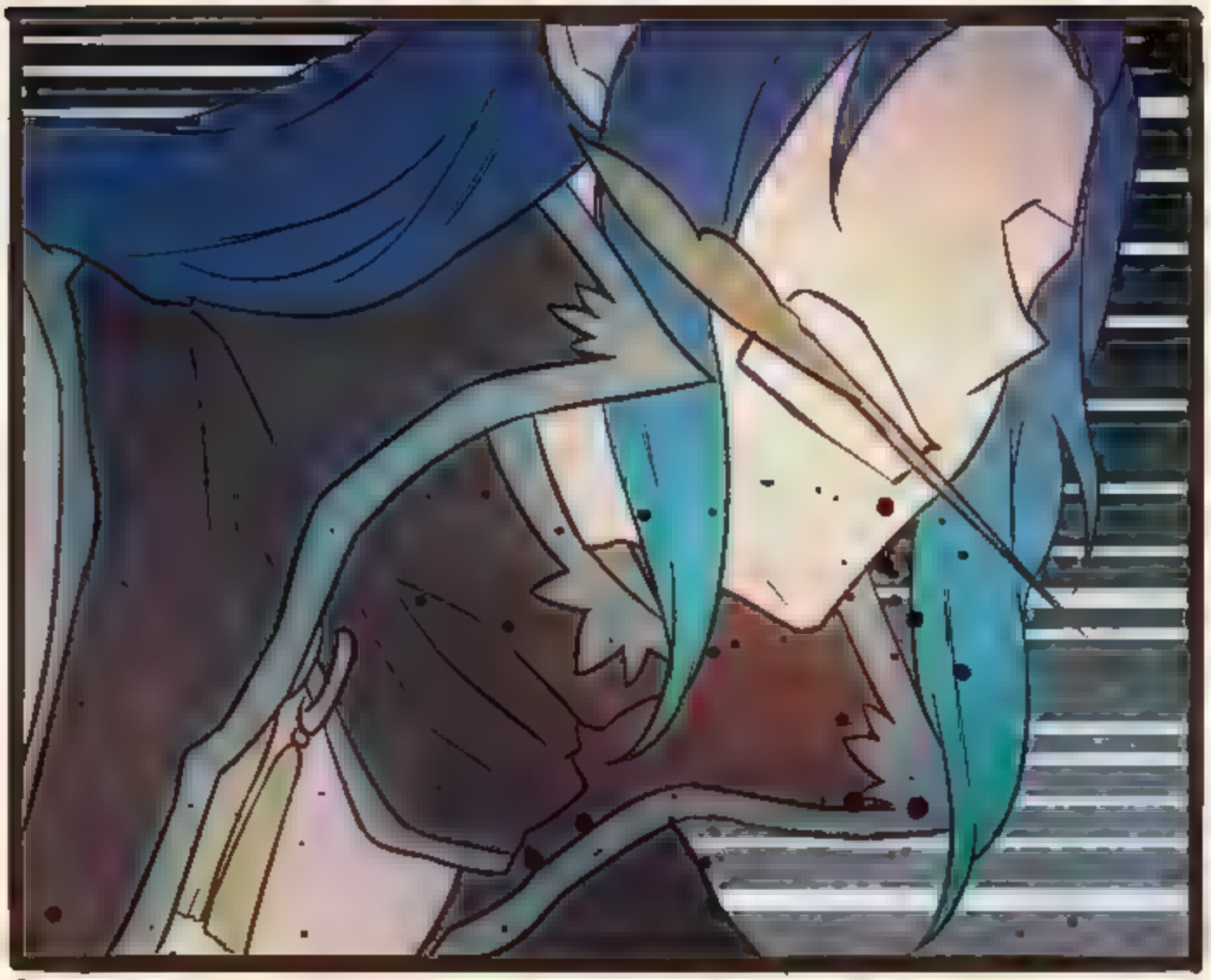

DO IT.
RIGHT BELOW
MY RIBS.

ARE YOU SURE?

JUST GO FOR IT!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE!



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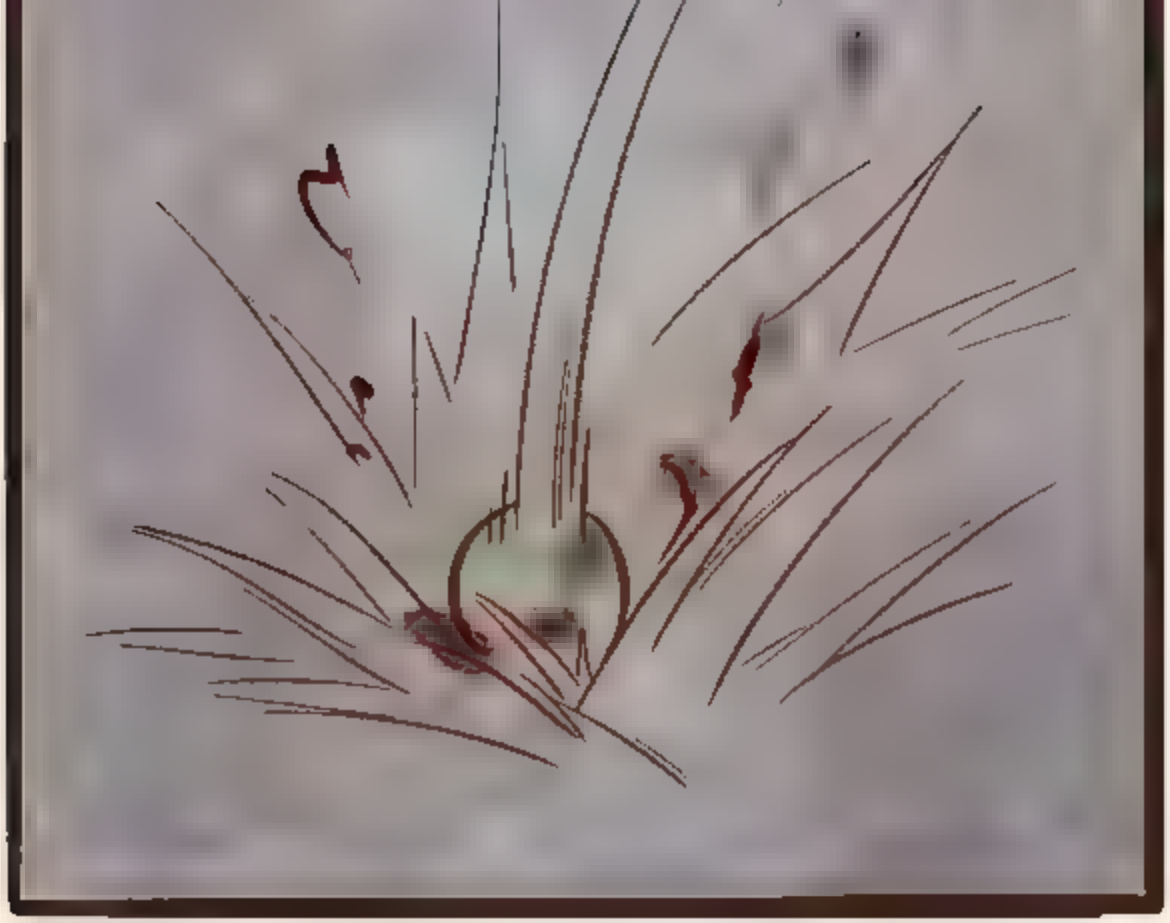

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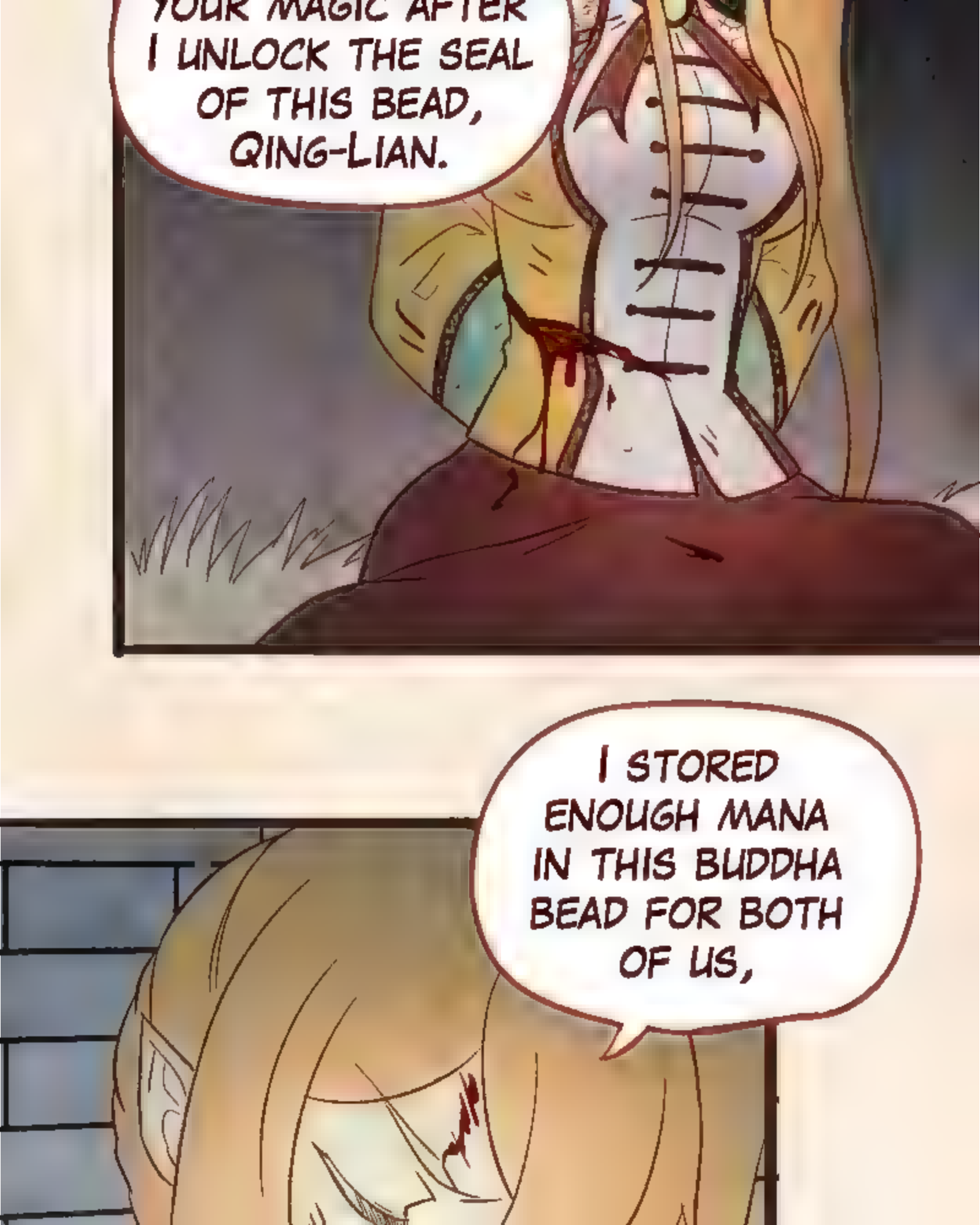
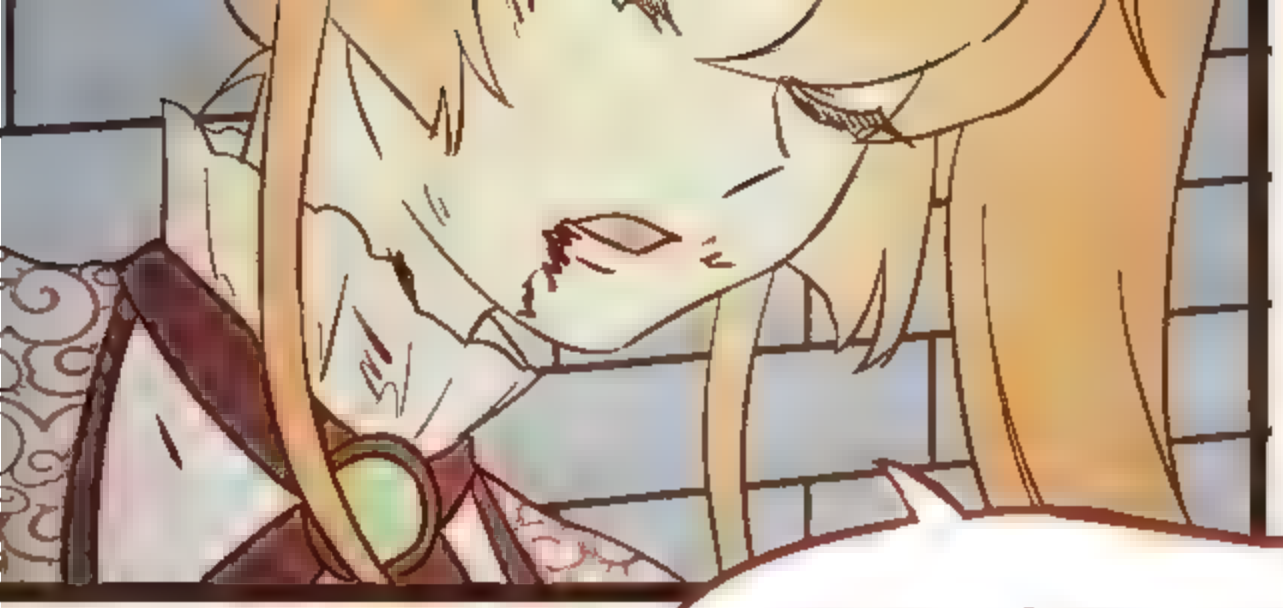

YOUR MAGIC AFTER I UNLOCK THE SEAL OF THIS BEAD, QING-LIAN.
I STORED ENOUGH MANA IN THIS BUDDHA BEAD FOR BOTH OF US,



AFTER I RELEASE THE SEAL, IT SHOULD LAST UNTIL WE MAKE IT OUT OF THIS PRISON.

AND YOU HID THAT INSIDE YOUR BODY ALL THESE DAYS IN THE PRISON?

I NEVER LEAVE MYSELF WITHOUT A WAY OUT.

IT'S ONE OF MY BASIC BACK UP STRATEGIES.

PREPARE
TO FIGHT!

PASSAGE
CLEAR!

DAMN IT! IF I KNEW BREAKING OUT WAS THIS EASY--
I WOULD HAVE SLICED YOU OPEN BEFORE THE ECLIPSE!

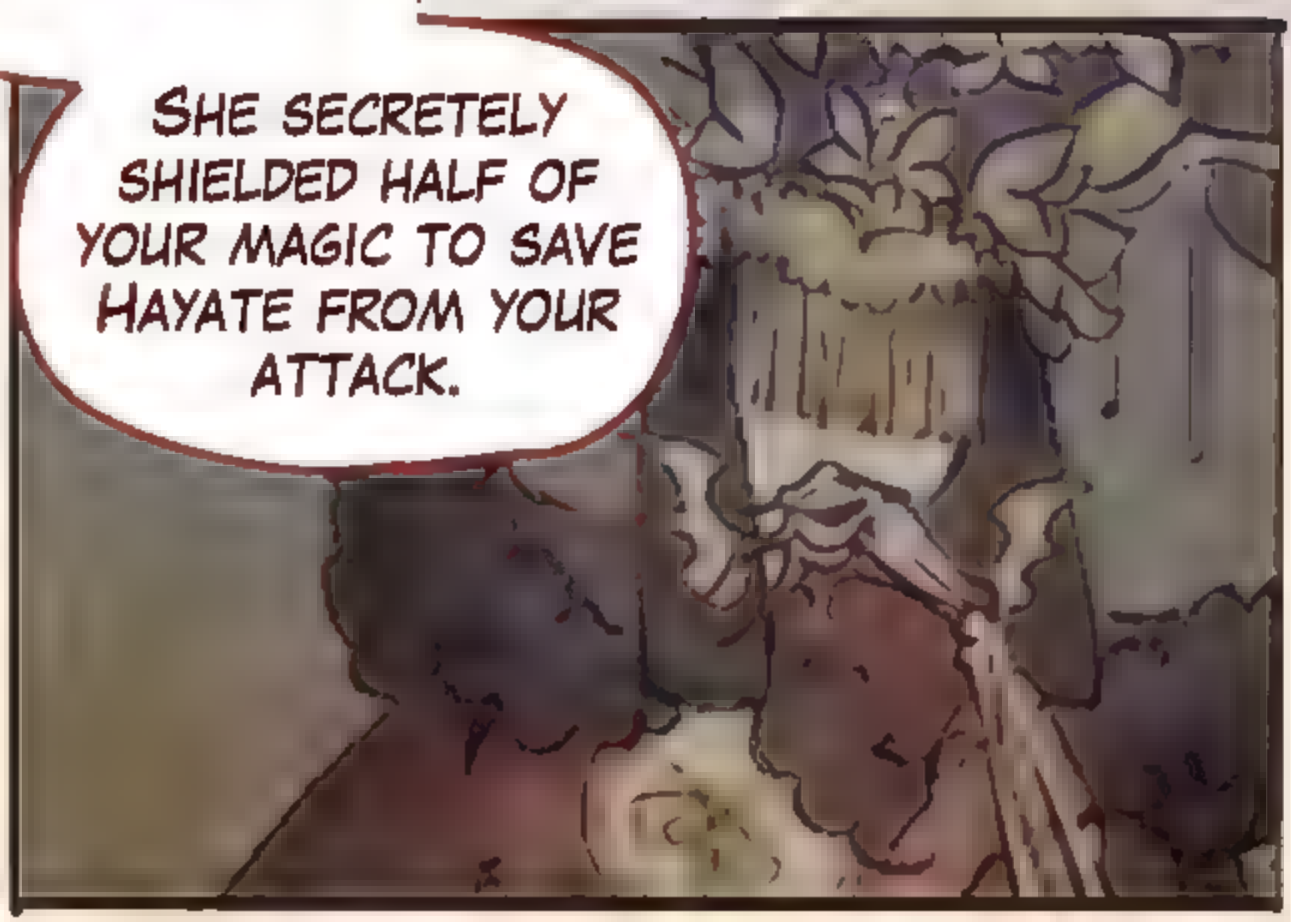
WE NEEDED TO WAIT FOR THE ECLIPSE.
WAIT?! FOR HAYATE'S CORPSE TO ROT?!

I've known the Empress for many years.
If she wanted Hayate dead, she would've killed him the night of the banquet.
The amount of magic contained in your music wave

TO RIP OUT HIS SOUL.

BUT THE EMPRESS NOT ONLY PRETENDED NOT TO NOTICE,

SHE SECRETELY SHIELDED HALF OF YOUR MAGIC TO SAVE HAYATE FROM YOUR ATTACK.

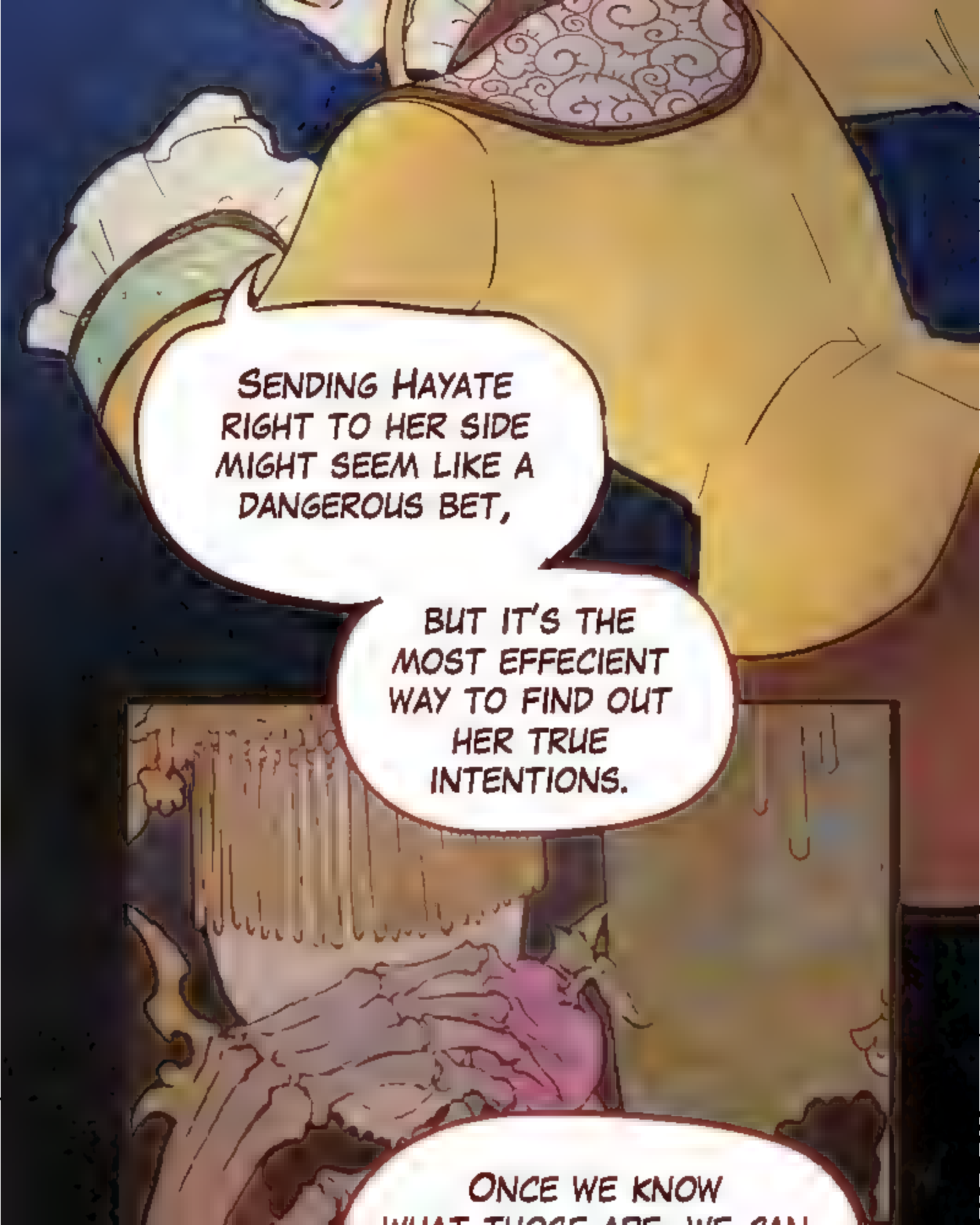


SHE ALSO DIRECTLY APPOINTED HAYATE AS THE FIRST FRESHMAN TO SERVE HER.

I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT HER MOTIVATION WAS...

...SO I DECIDED

TO GO ALONG WITH HAYATE'S PLAN AT HIS INSISTENCE.
IF THE EMPRESS WOULD NEVER BOTHER TO GO THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE JUST TO KILL SOMEONE.


SENDING HAYATE RIGHT TO HER SIDE MIGHT SEEM LIKE A DANGEROUS BET,
BUT IT'S THE MOST EFFECIENT WAY TO FIND OUT HER TRUE INTENTIONS.
ONCE WE KNOW

WHAT THOSE ARE, WE CAN NEGOTIATE. BEFORE THAT, WE HAVE NOTHING TO LEVERAGE.
BUT SHE WANTS HAYATE ALIVE. I'M CERTAIN OF IT. SOYEUN SAID SHE WANTS TO USE HIM AS A SPECIAL WEAPON.
...BECAUSE OF

SHE WON'T KILL HAYATE AT LEAST FOR NOW.
BUT WHY WAIT FOR THE ECLIPSE?
IT HAS TO DO WITH THE NATURE OF THE TAOIST

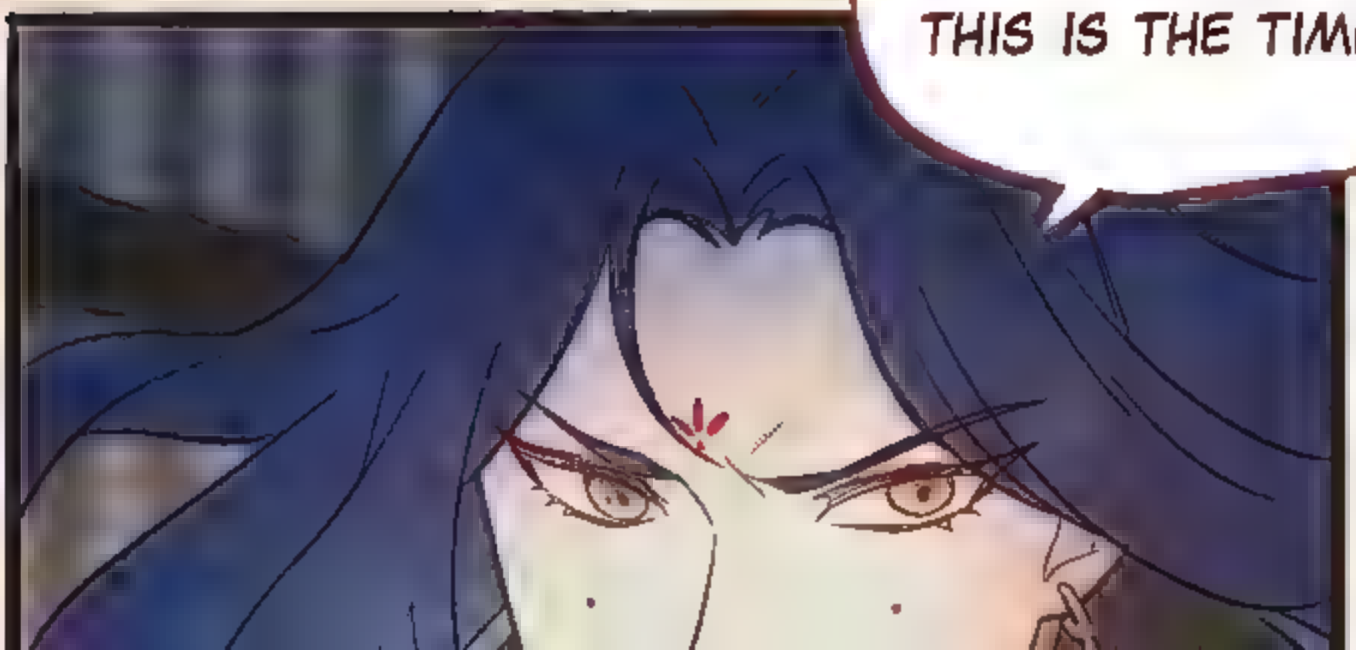
power.

The ecplipse in Phantom Paradise is caused by shadows of the angel's wings who annually fly by our border.

It is a time of great instability between the Heaven and the Hell.

THUS, CREATING MAJOR SHIFTS IN THE TAOIST POWERS OVER YIN AND YANG.

SO WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THAT THIS IS THE TIME--

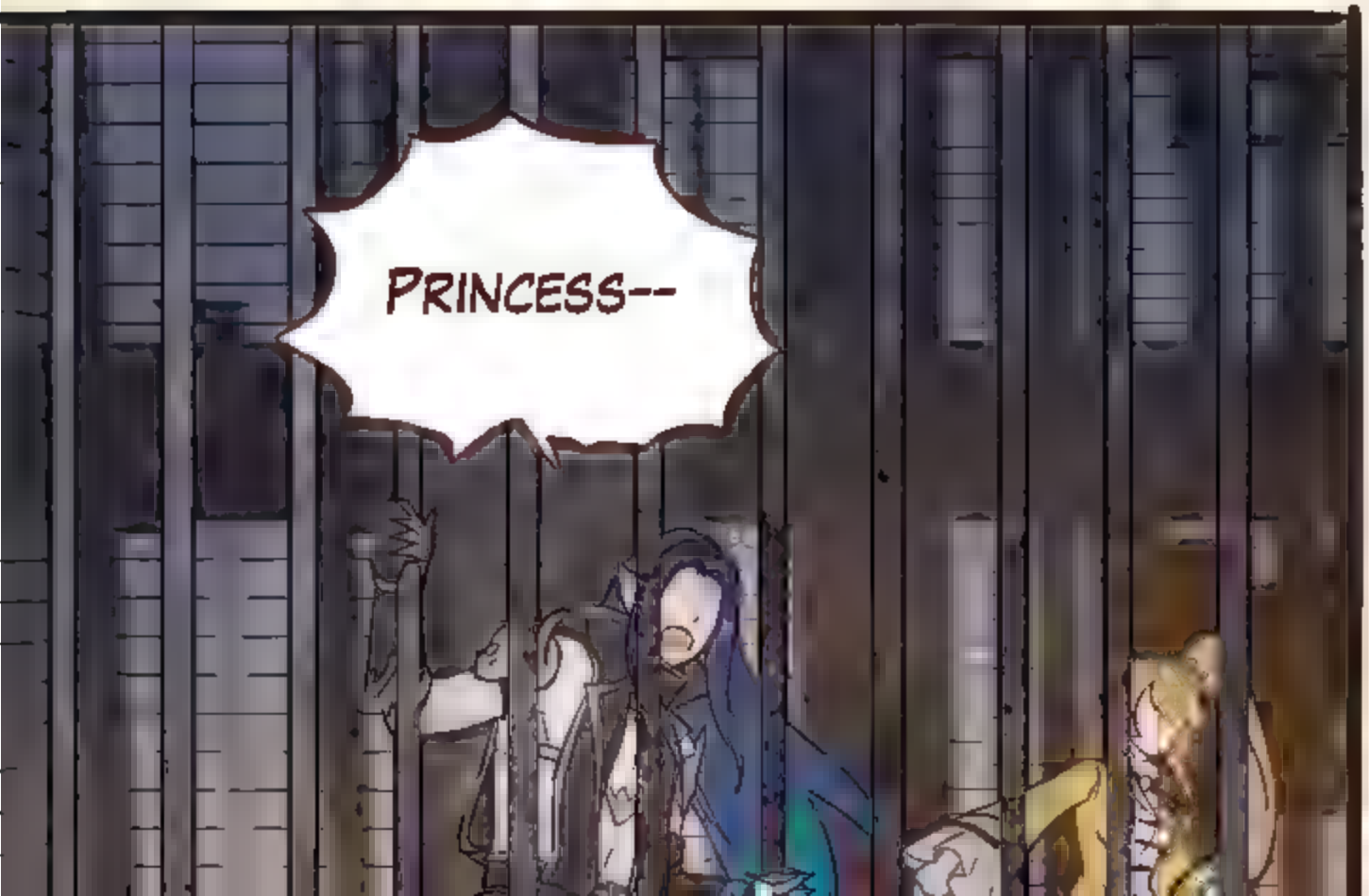


--WHEN THE YIN AND YANG HALVES OF THE SOUL CLASH AGAINST EACH OTHER?
YES, AND I'M GUESSING WHAT MADONNA WANTS IS FOR HAYATE'S YIN SOUL TO TAKE OVER COMPLETELY.
WHICH IS AN EASY GET UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE ECLIPSE.

WE MUST MAKE OUR WAY TO THE PALACE AND STOP HER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

HOLD UP!

THAT'S THE ROOM WHERE MY PRINCESS IS IMPRISONED!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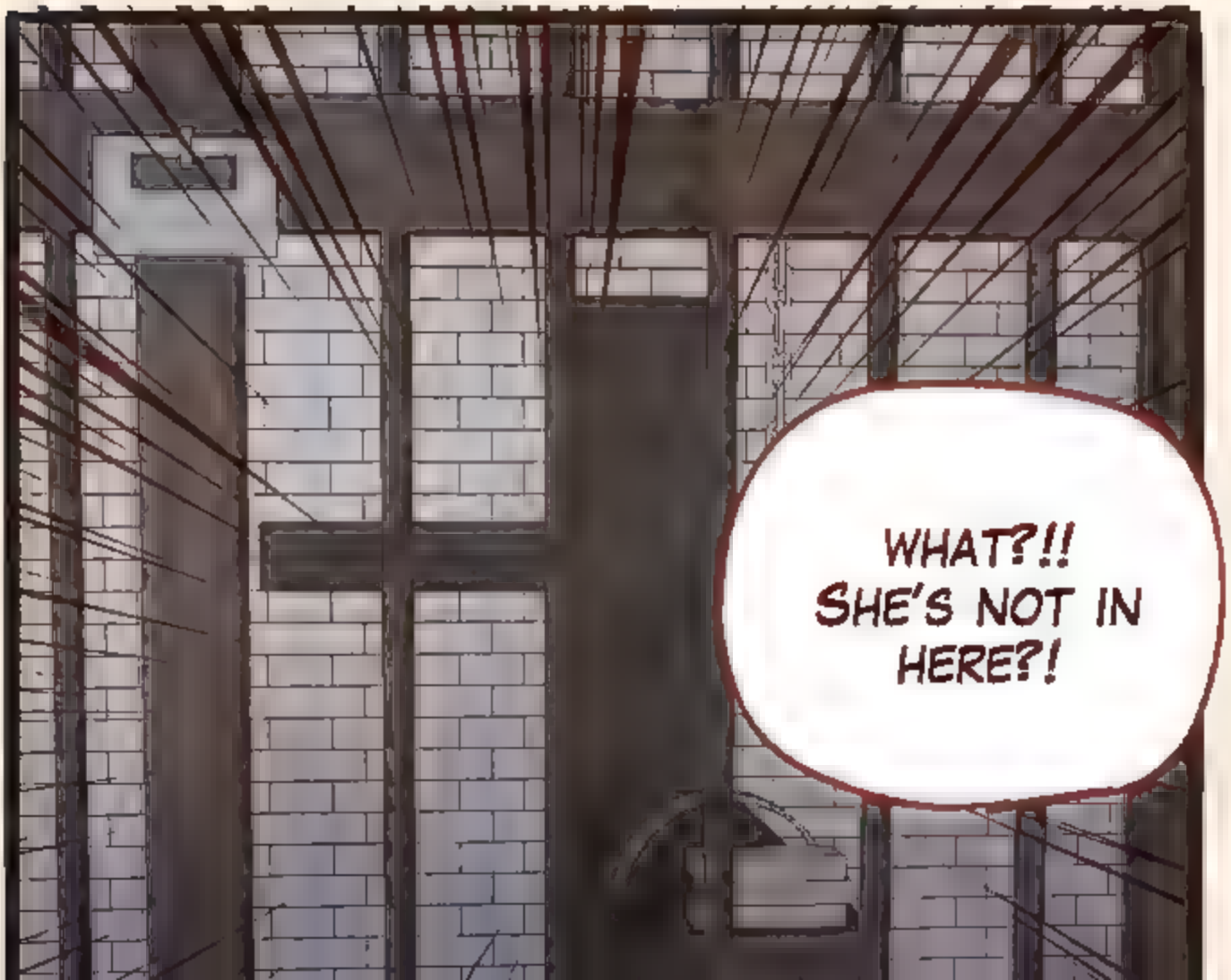
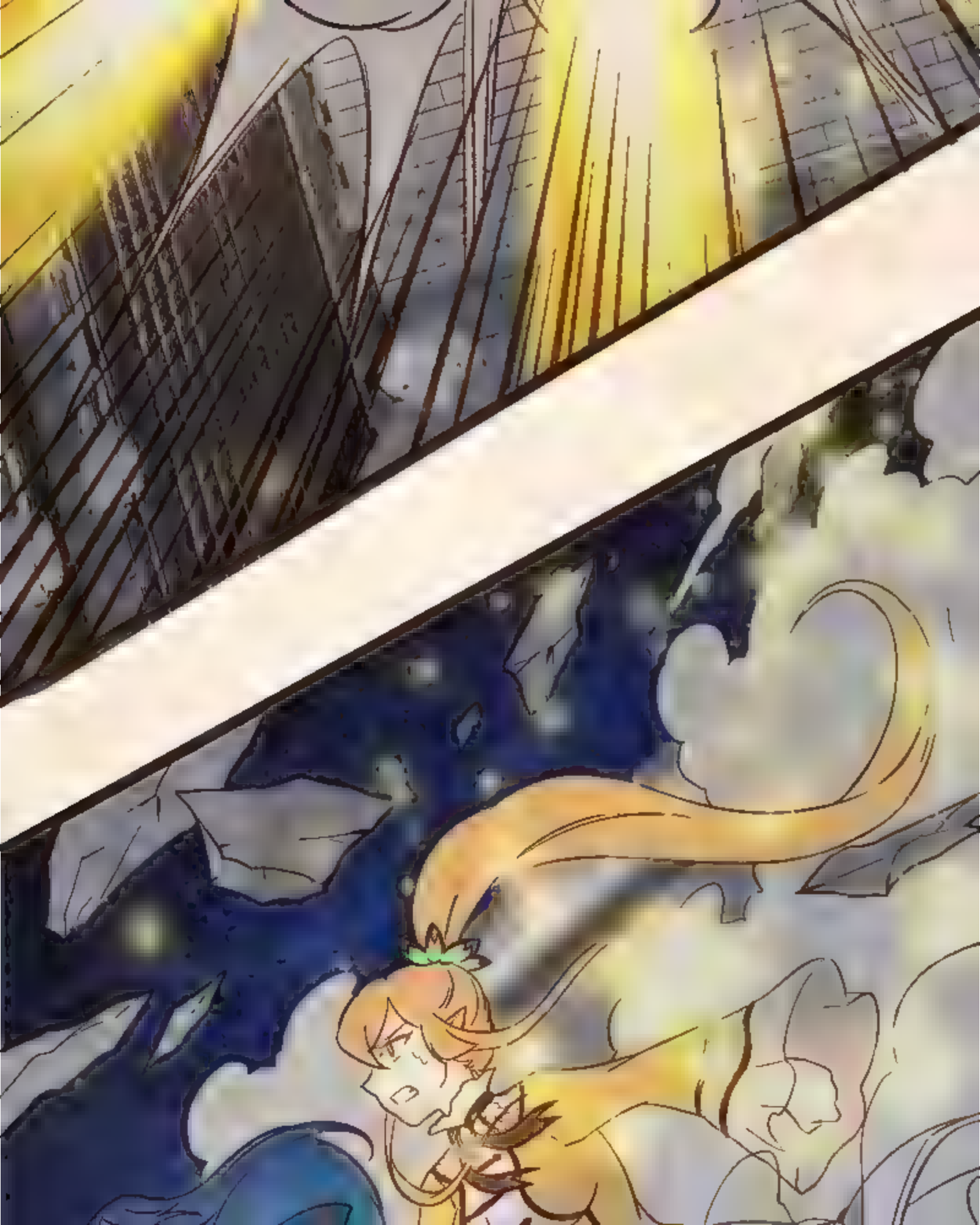

WHAT?!!
SHE'S NOT IN
HERE?!

NOT JUST PRINCESS CORONA...
I HAVEN'T SENSED ANYONE ELSE IN THIS PRISON SINCE THE LAST GUARD LEFT US...

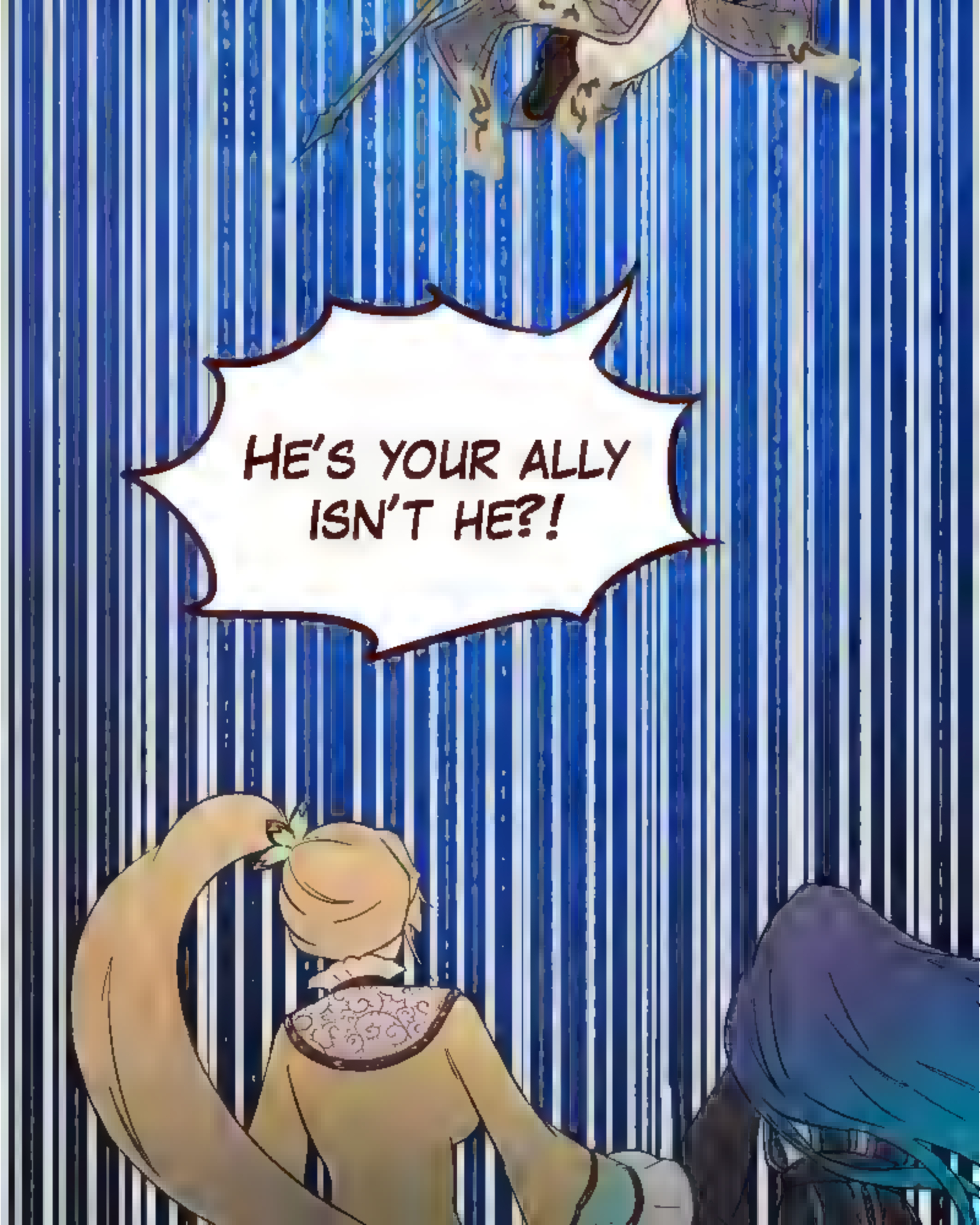
THIS IS WAY TOO FISHY...

THEY MUST HAVE KIDNAPPED MY PRINCESS TO SET US UP!

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND ANY CLUES OUTSIDE.



YOU DEMONIC TRAITORS--


HE'S YOUR ALLY ISN'T HE?!

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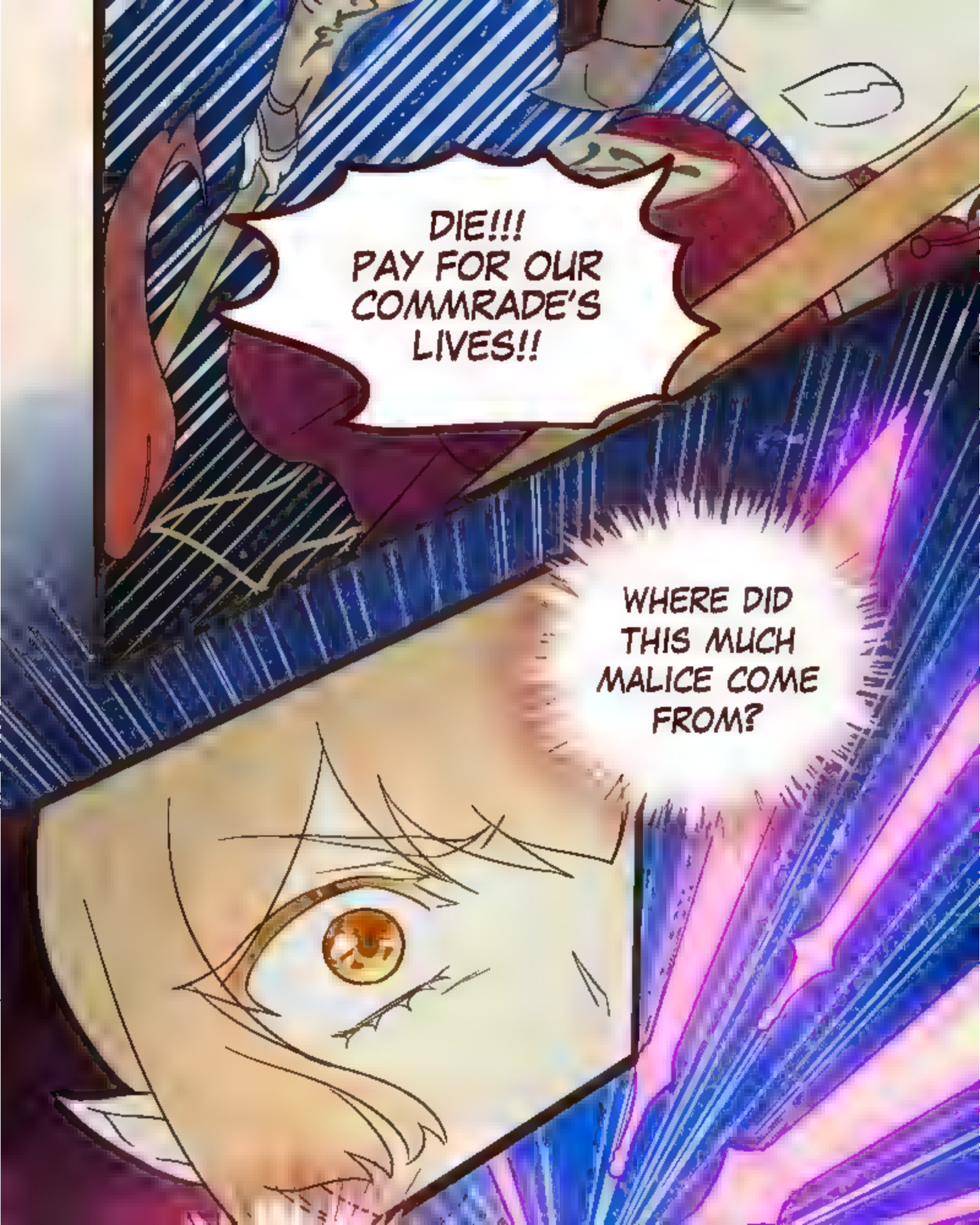
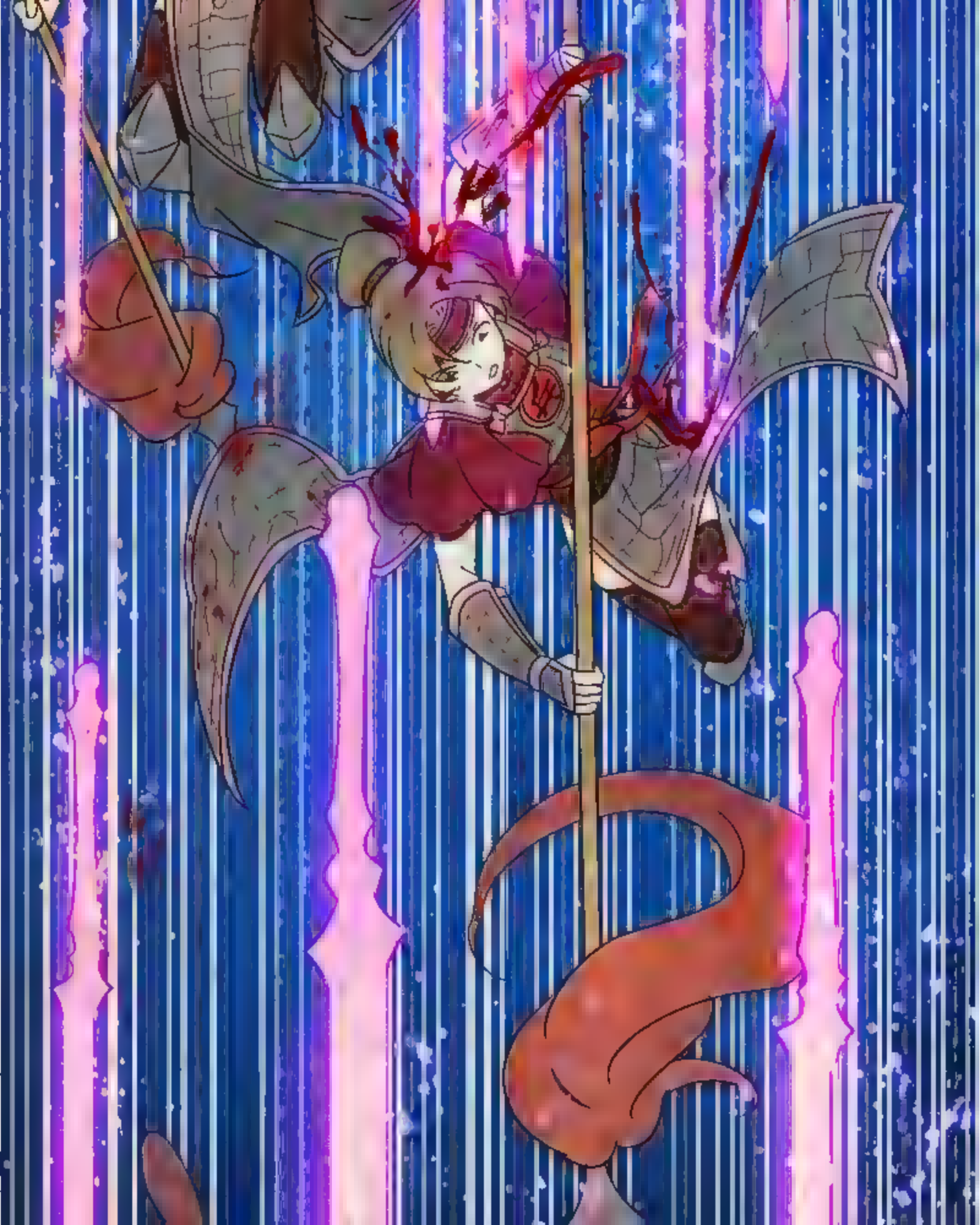
SHOOT, THEY'RE COVERED IN EXPLOSIVE TAILSMEN--

LET THEM EXPLODE IN MID-AIR, THEN!


DIE!!!
PAY FOR OUR COMMRADE'S LIVES!!
WHERE DID THIS MUCH MALICE COME FROM?

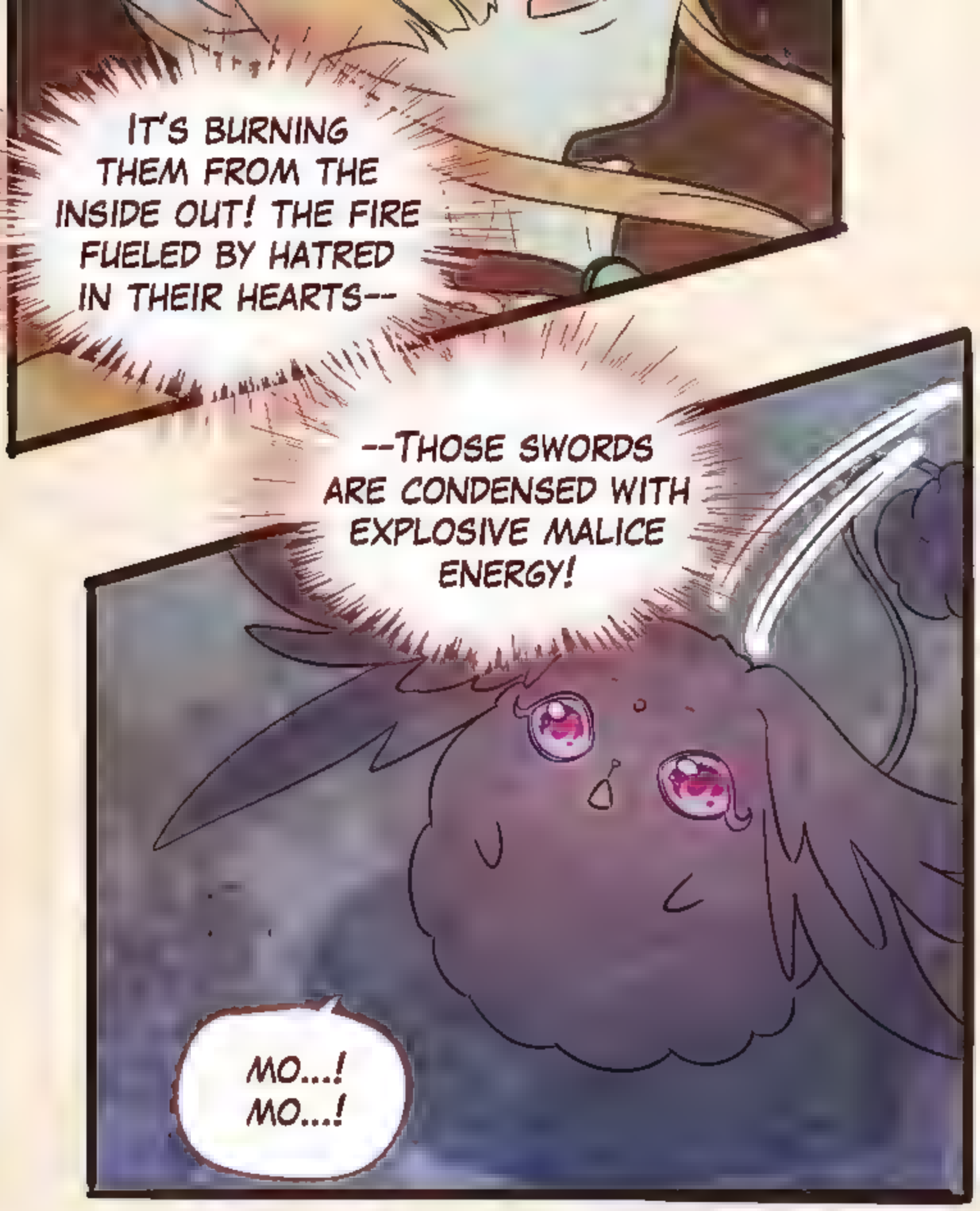
WHY IN THE HELL WOULD THEY PERFORM A SUICIDE ATTACK ON US?!

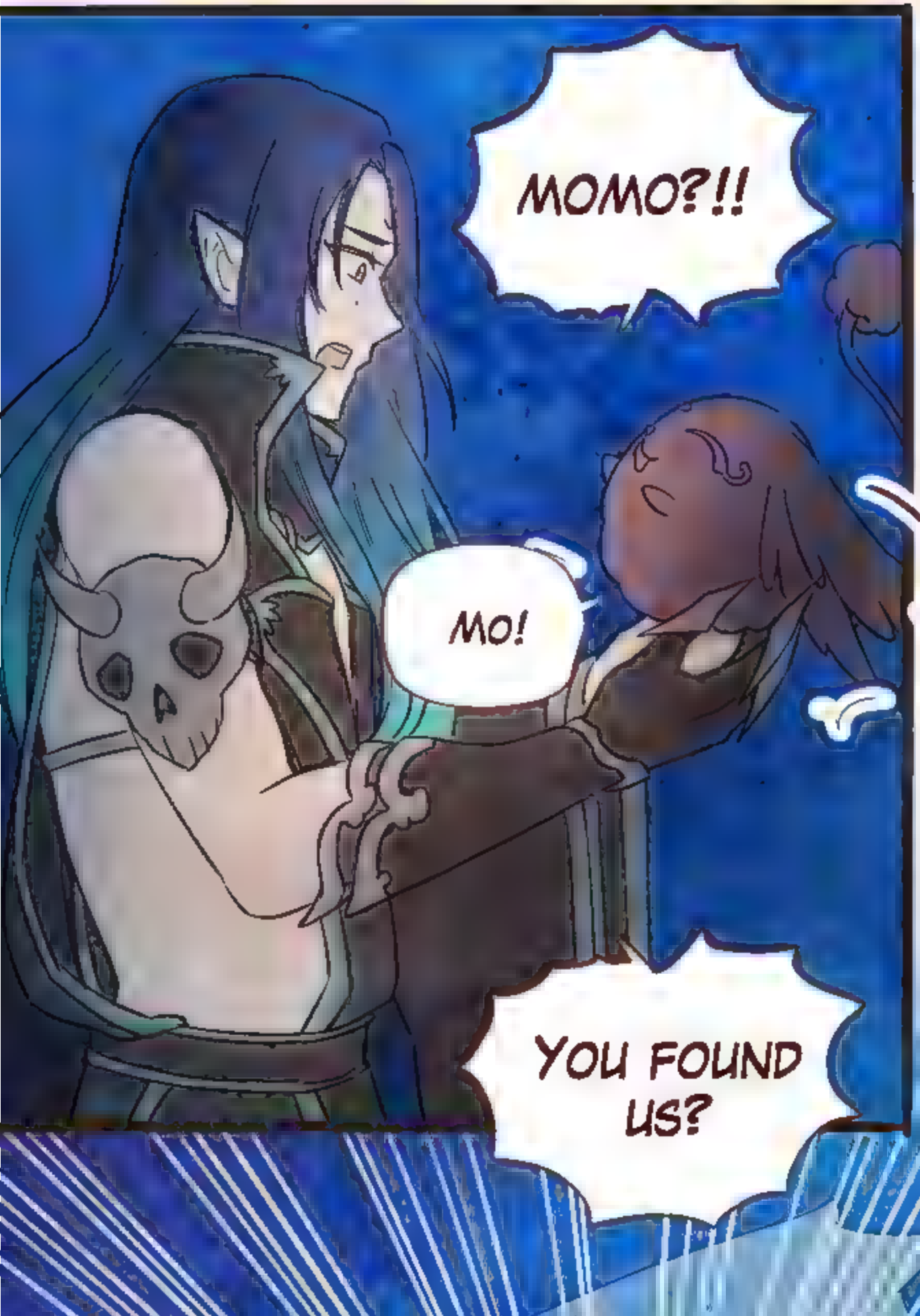


ZOOM

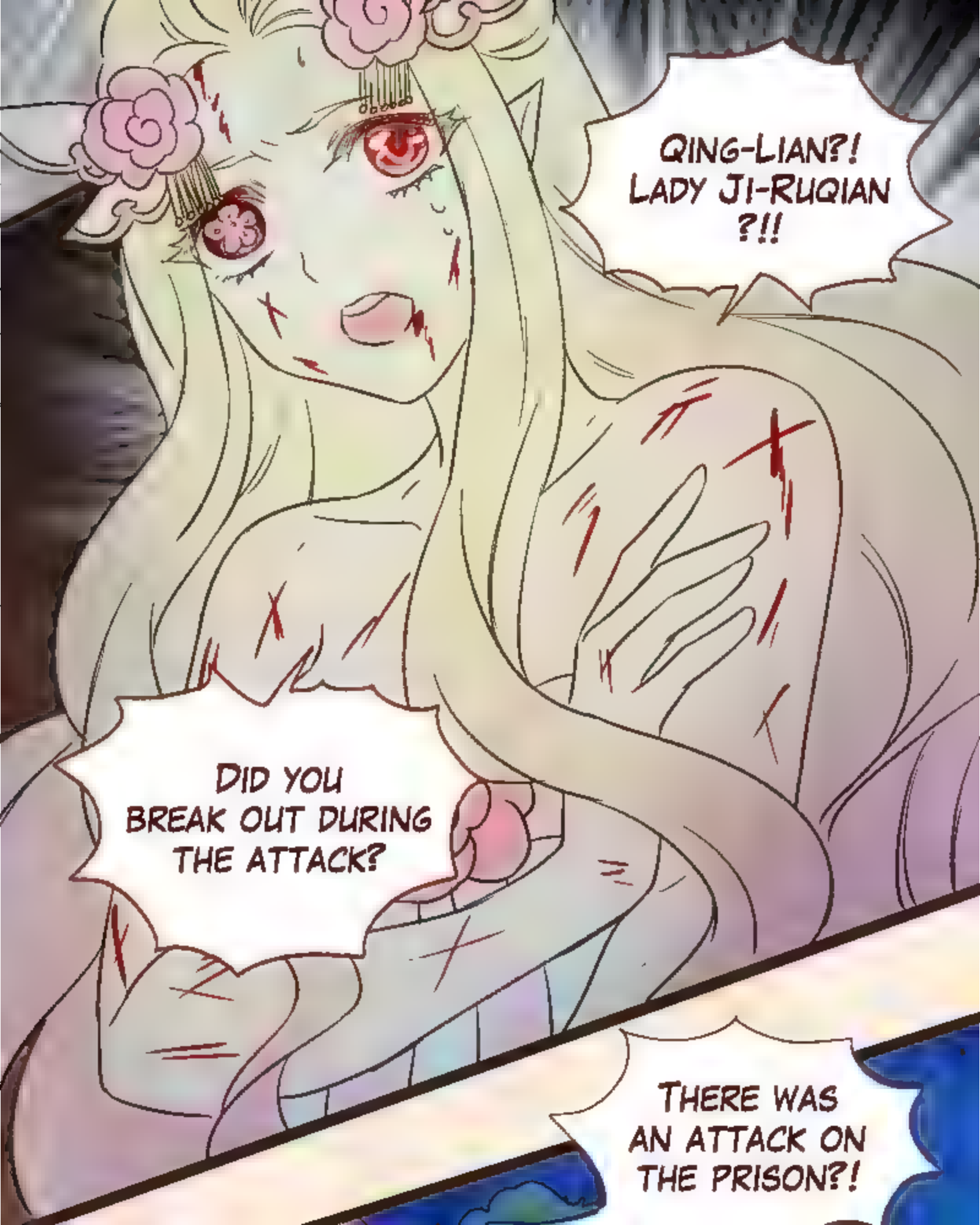
C-CURSE YOU--

CURSE YOU!!!!
I SEE, THEY'RE ALREADY IN AGONY FROM THAT SWORD ATTACK!
IT SET A FIRE OF HATRED IN THEM!


IT'S BURNING THEM FROM THE INSIDE OUT! THE FIRE FUELED BY HATRED IN THEIR HEARTS--
--THOSE SWORDS ARE CONDENSED WITH EXPLOSIVE MALICE ENERGY!
MO...! MO...!

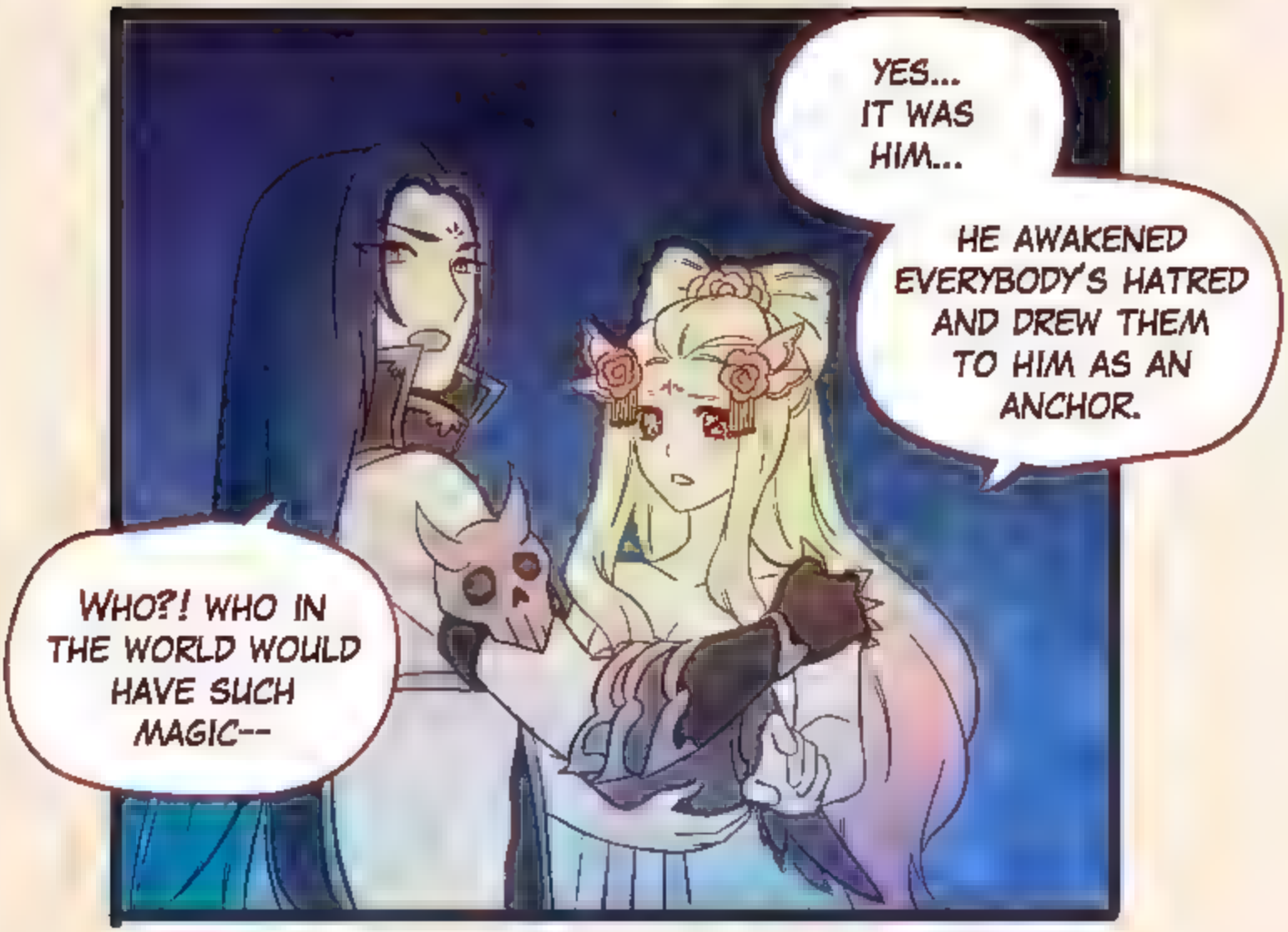

MOMO?!!
MO!
YOU FOUND US?

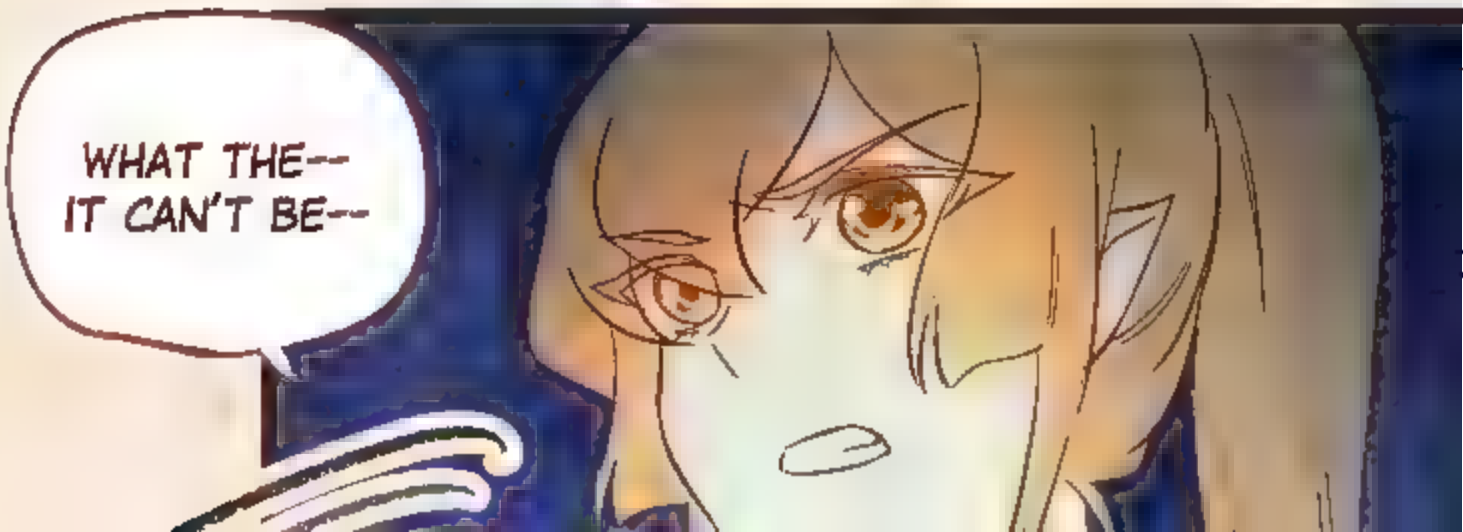
PRINCESS!!


QING-LIAN?! LADY JI-RUQIAN ?!!
DID YOU BREAK OUT DURING THE ATTACK?
THERE WAS AN ATTACK ON THE PRISON?!

IS THAT WHY YOU'RE BLEEDING?!
NO, QING-LIAN! THESE ARE JUST SCRAPES FROM THE PRISON GUARDS' WHIPS!

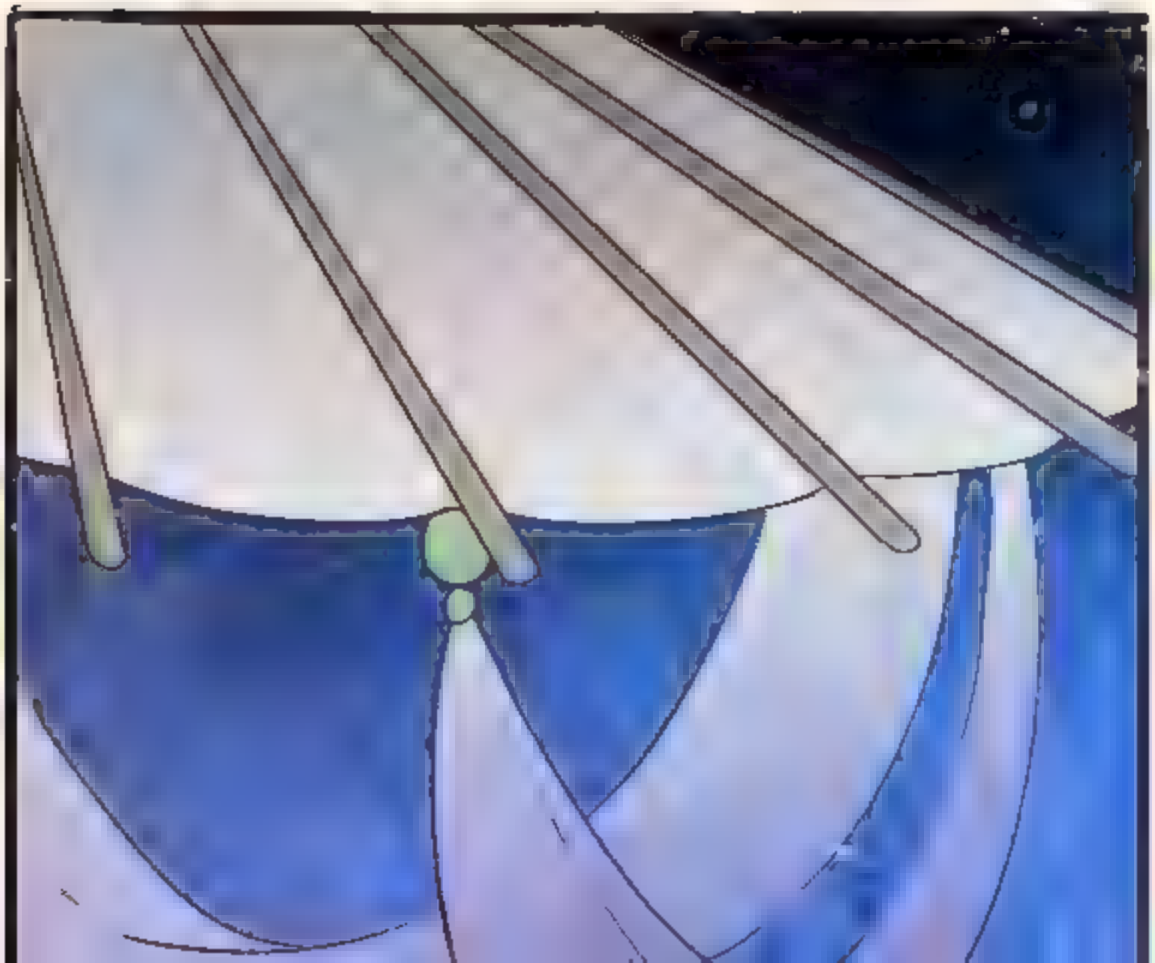
SO THAT'S WHY ALL THE GUARDS WERE EVACUATED!
AND THEN THE MALICIOUS BLACK FIRE KILLED THEM ALL?
WHO'S THIS INTRUDER THAT'S SPREADING ALL THIS HATEFUL ENERGY?

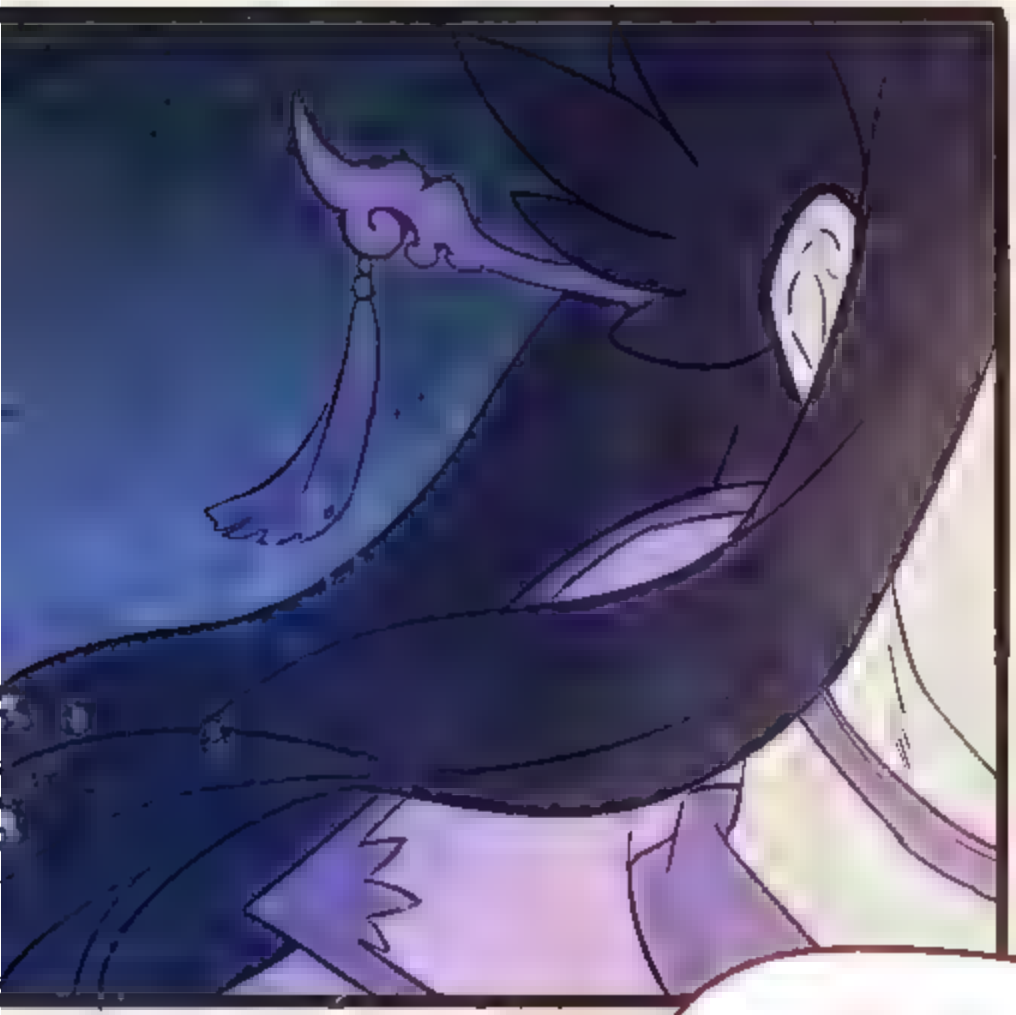

YES... IT WAS HIM...
HE AWAKENED EVERYBODY'S HATRED AND DREW THEM TO HIM AS AN ANCHOR.
WHO?! WHO IN THE WORLD WOULD HAVE SUCH MAGIC--

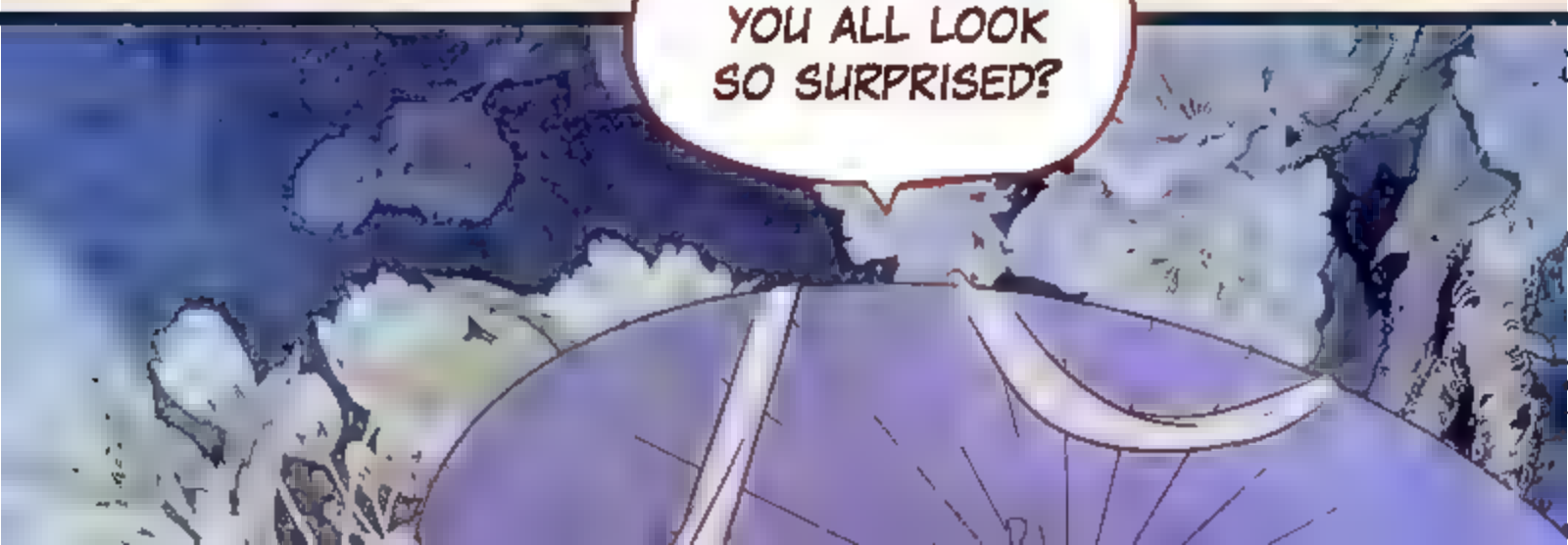

WHAT THE-- IT CAN'T BE--

Y-YOU ARE--

I'M WHAT?



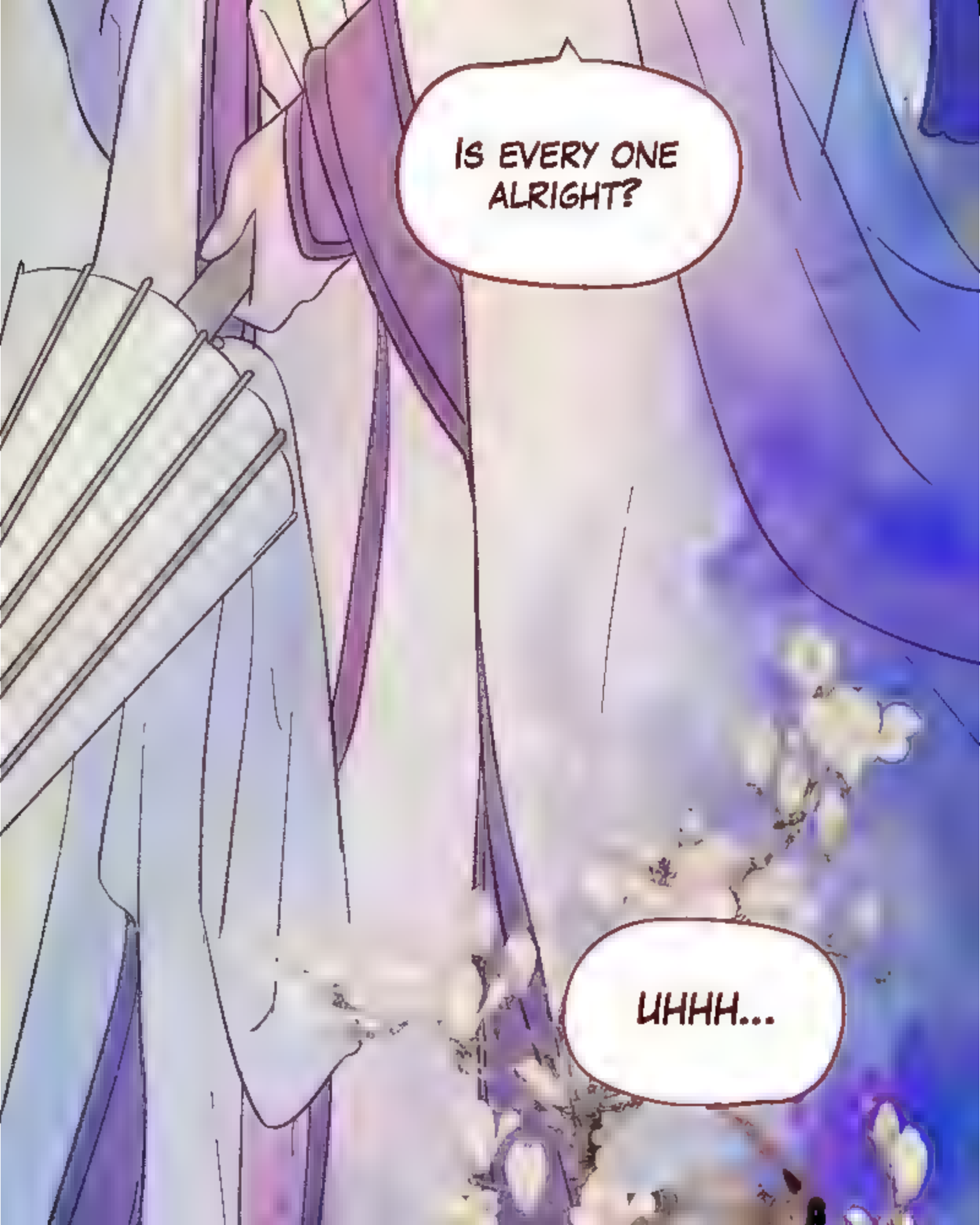


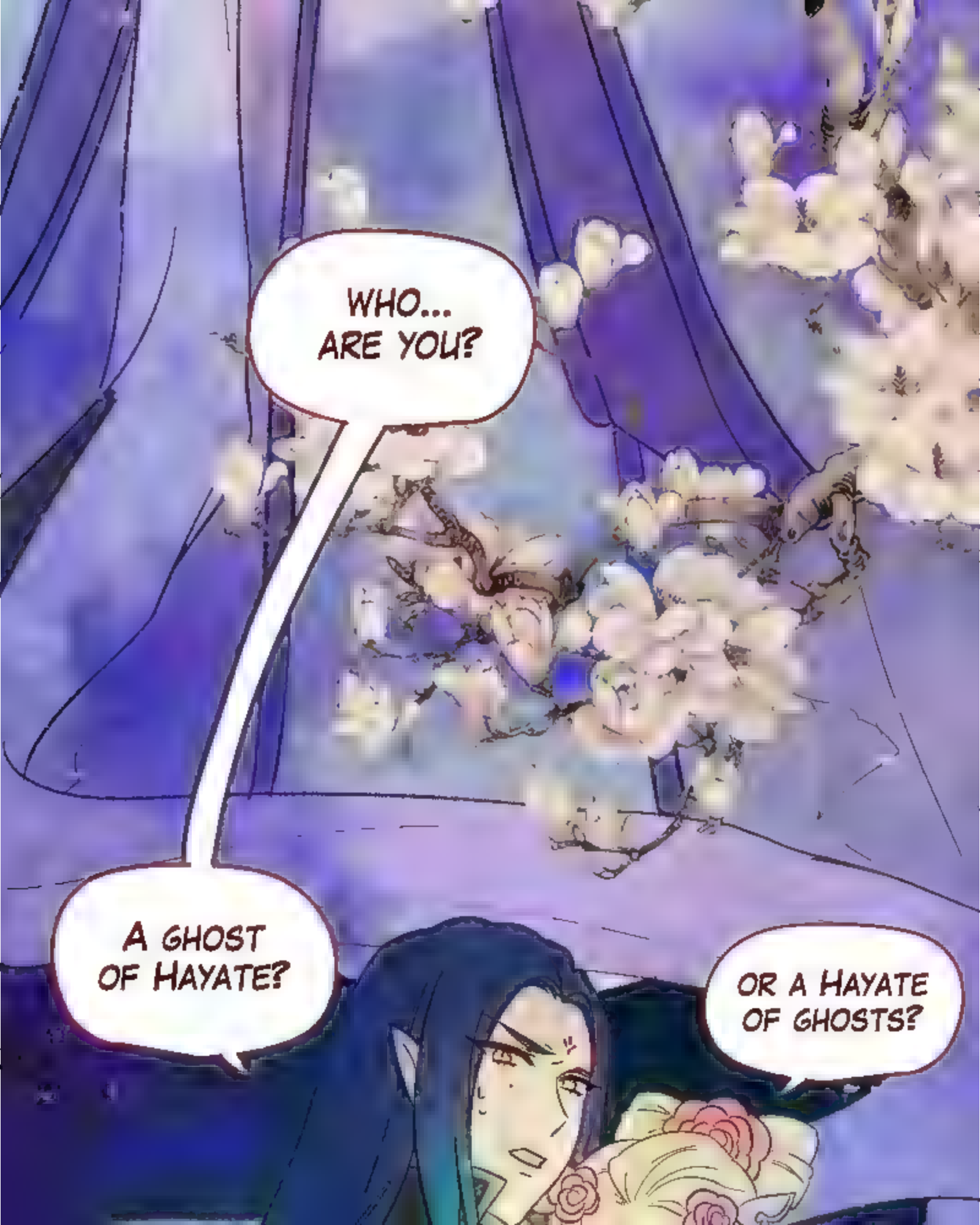

WHY DO YOU ALL LOOK SO SURPRISED?

WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE, RIGHT?

GOOD EVENING,
MY PRINCESS,
MY PRINCE,
MY LADY.

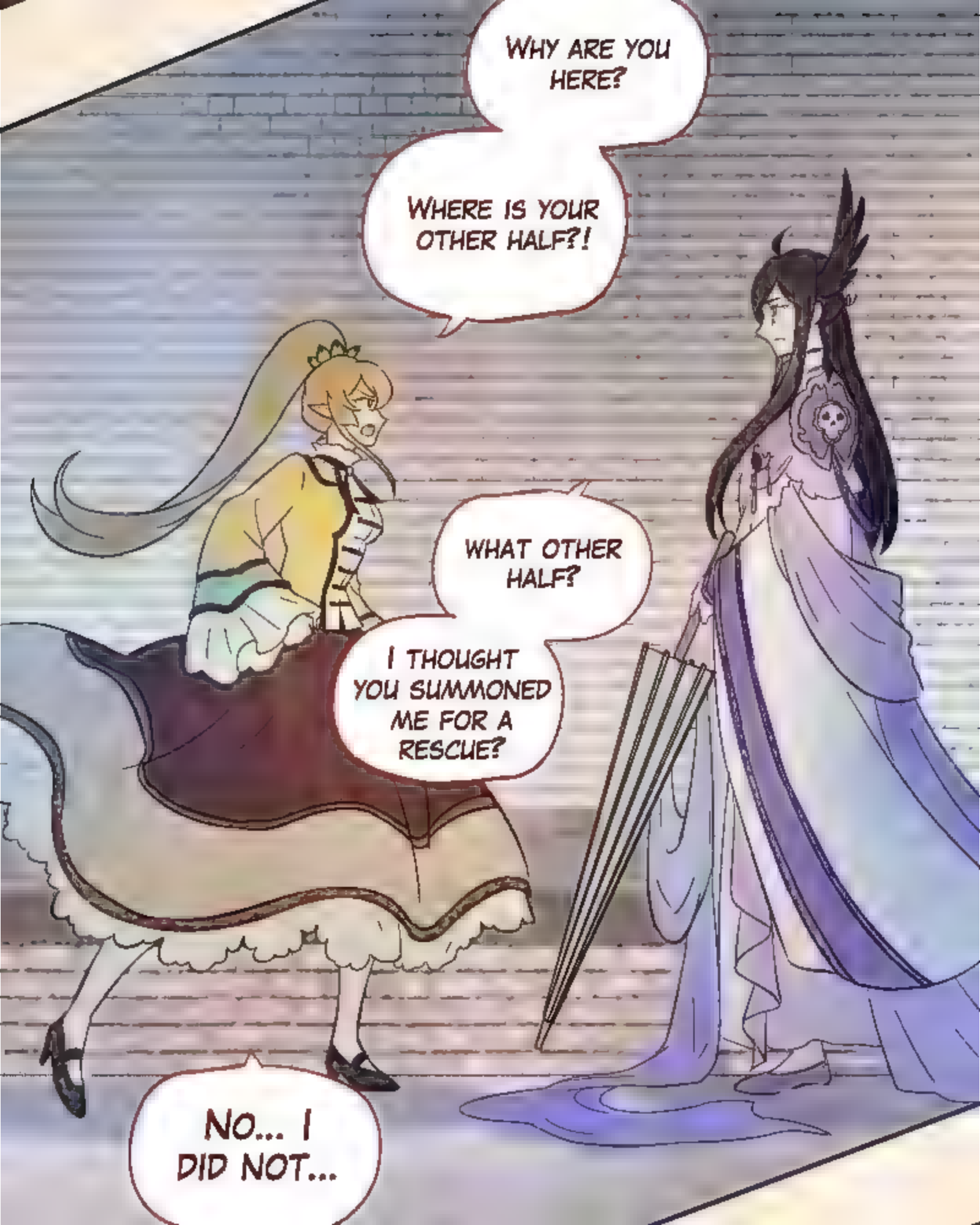
I HOPE I AM NOT LATE FOR THE RESCUE!


IS EVERY ONE ALRIGHT?
UHHH...


WHO... ARE YOU?
A GHOST OF HAYATE?
OR A HAYATE OF GHOSTS?

NO... HE'S...

HAYATE'S YANG SOUL-!


WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHERE IS YOUR OTHER HALF?!
WHAT OTHER HALF?
I THOUGHT YOU SUMMONED ME FOR A RESCUE?
NO... I DID NOT...

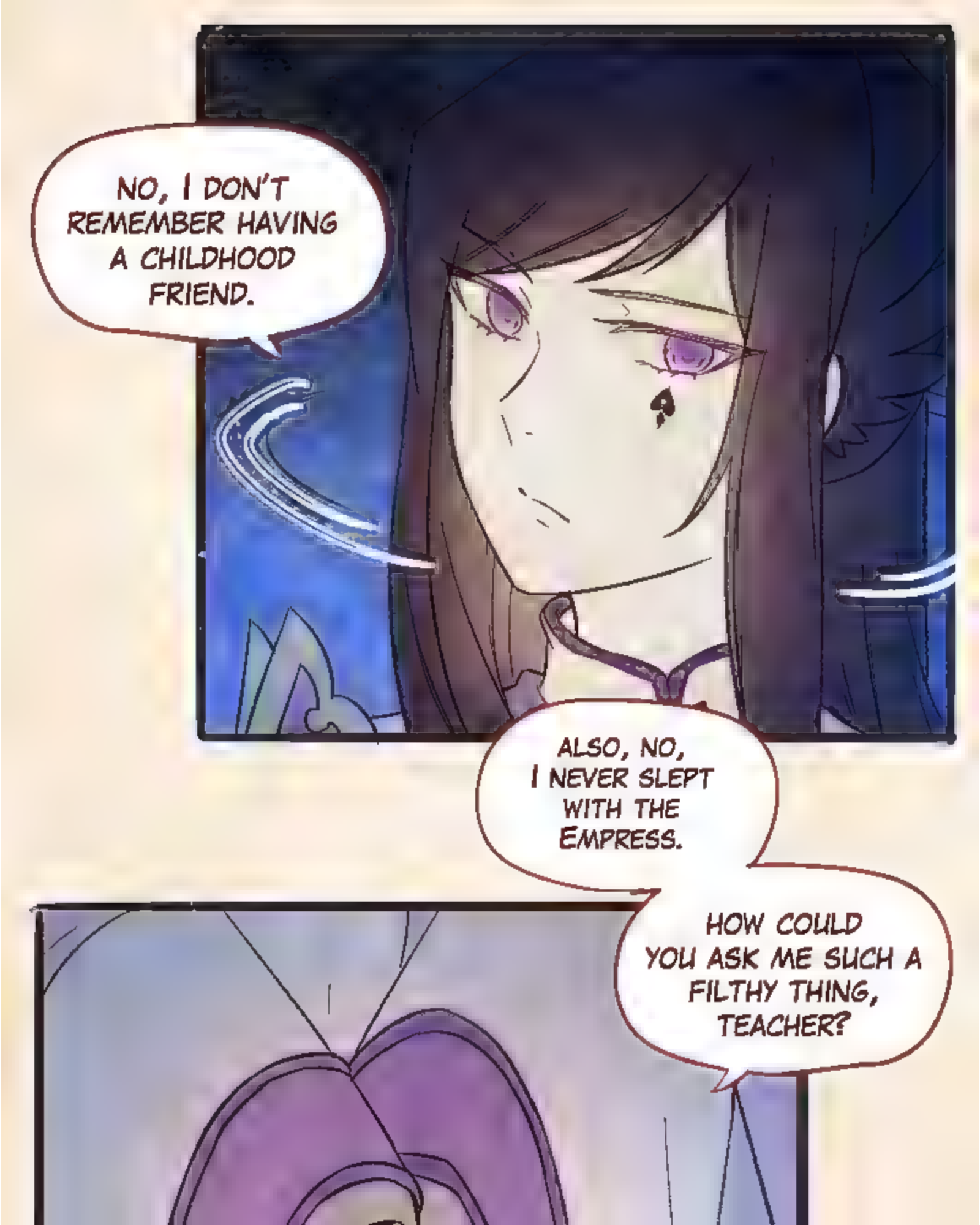
HOLY-- YOUR MANA BOOST!
AND YOU ARE TALLER THAN ME NOW!
DID YOU EAT YOUR OTHER HALF AND LEVEL UP OR SOMETHING?

I AM NOT A AUTOCANNIBAL, MY LADY...
SO... DO YOU AT LEAST HAVE ANY IDEA WHO YOU ARE?

YES, I'M HAYATE, LADY JI-RUQIAN'S STUDENT.
WHAT?! STUDENT?! WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?!
ON THE FIRST DAY WE MET? I THINK YOU ALL NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR!

We were conspiring to save Phantom Paradise from the big evil Empress Madonna, remember?
You and teacher were imprisoned because Qing-Lian's music sounded like cat screeching during the banquet.
Um...excuse me...?
You are the one here who's spewing bullshit

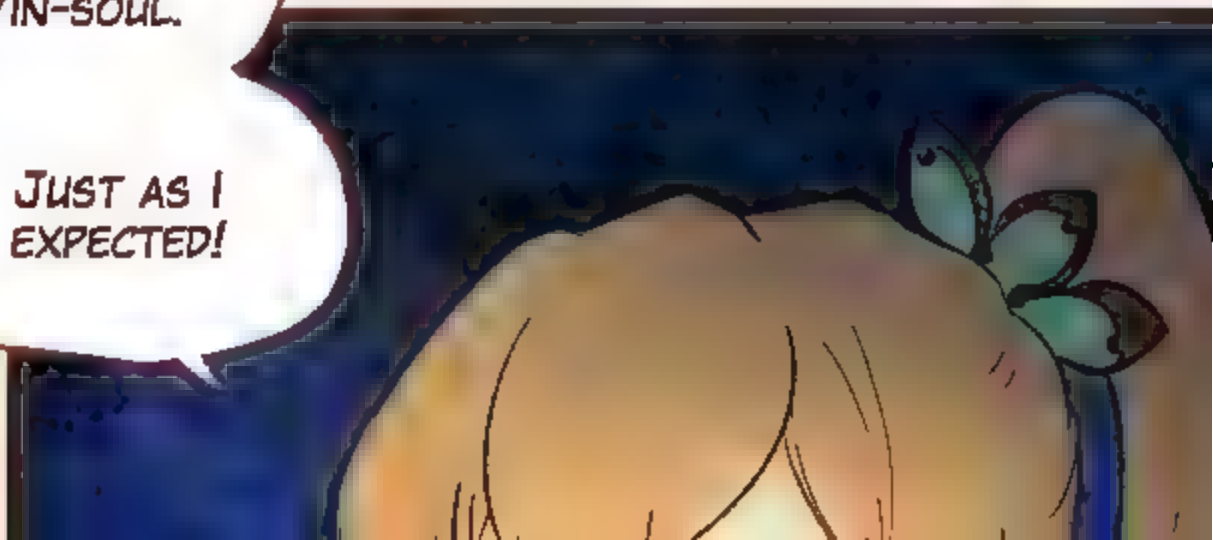
HERE!
WAIT! I NEED TO CONFIRM...
DO YOU KNOW THE WHITE DEVIL?
YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND LUCIUS?
AND UMM...REMEMBER YOUR FIRST NIGHT WITH THE EMPRESS?


NO, I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING A CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
ALSO, NO, I NEVER SLEPT WITH THE EMPRESS.
HOW COULD YOU ASK ME SUCH A FILTHY THING, TEACHER?

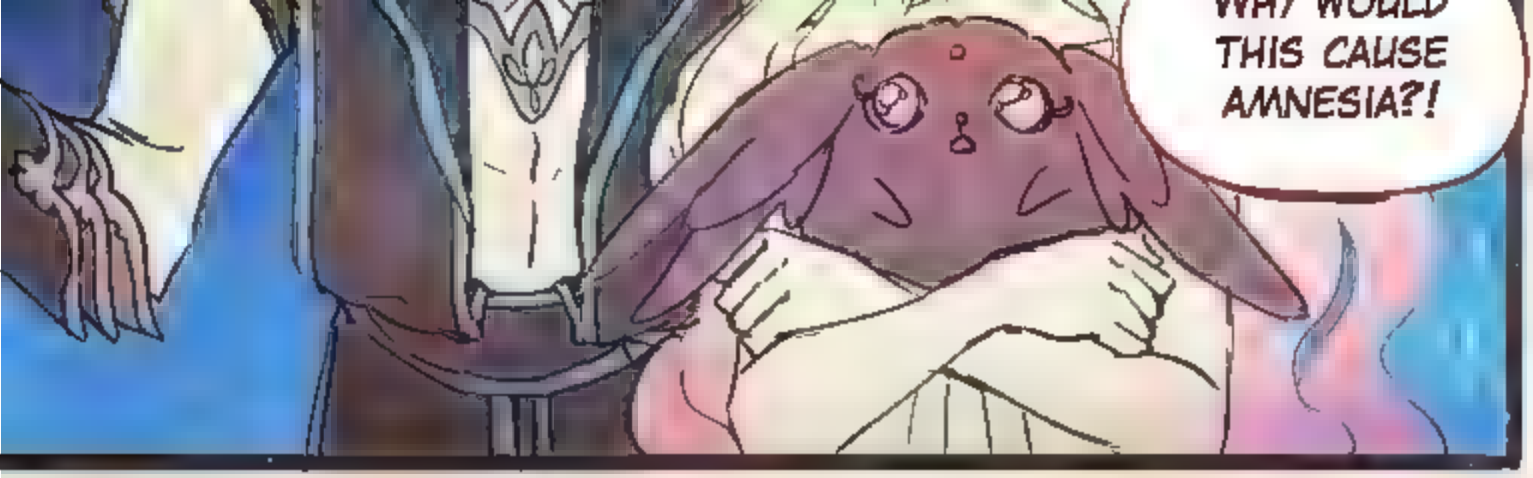
I CAME TO PHANTOM PARADISE TO FIGHT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE,
TO FINISH MY MOTHER'S VOW FOR YOU. TEACHER...

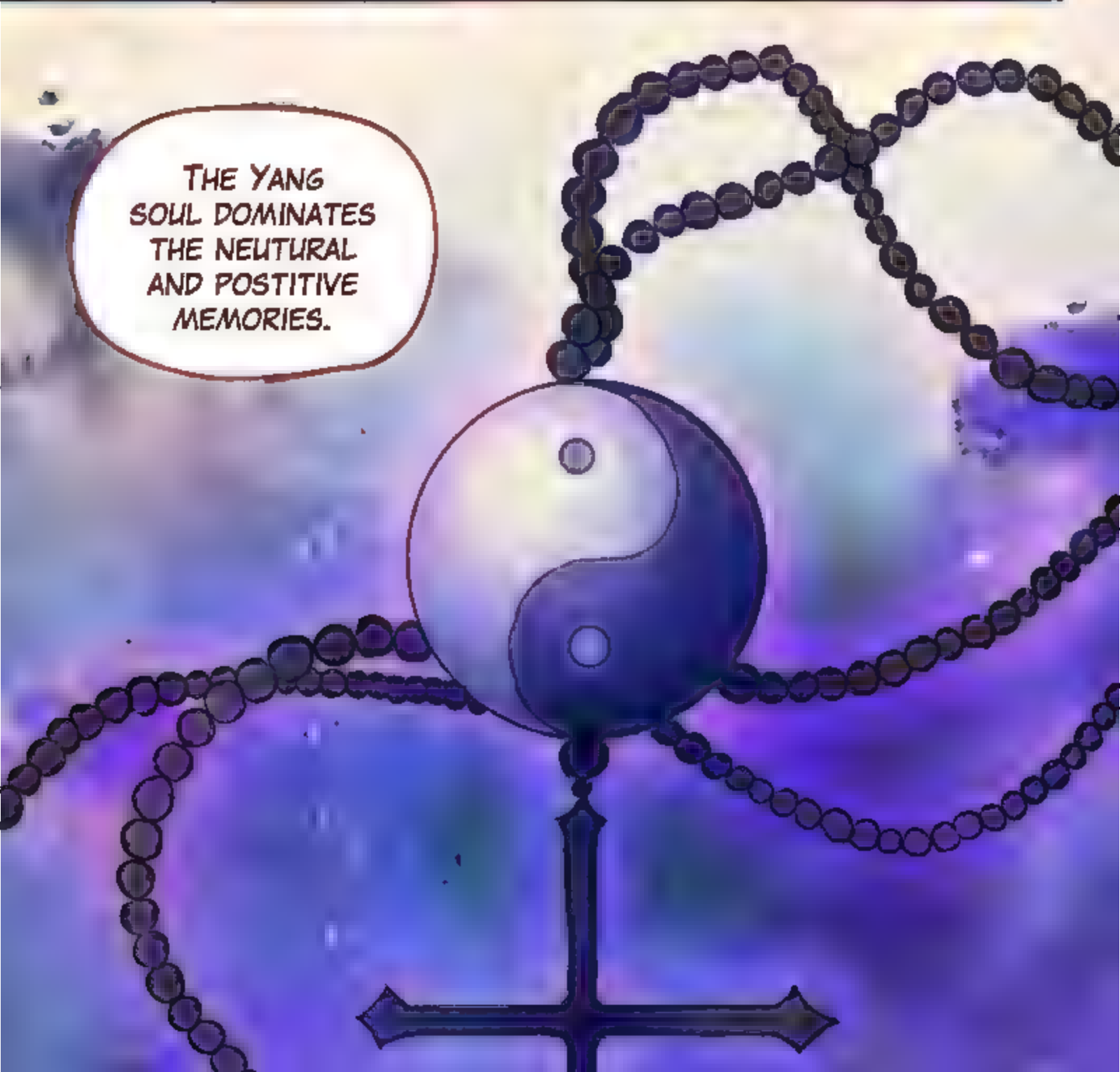
HAYATE'S YANG SOUL HAS BEEN PUSHED OUT OF HIS BODY BY THE YIN-SOUL.

JUST AS I EXPECTED!



MADONNA EMPOWERED HIS YIN-SOUL TO DO SO!
SHE MUST HAVE TAKEN FULL CONTROL OVER HAYATE'S BODY AS WELL AS HIS YIN- SOUL!
WHAT? HOW DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT?
WAIT
WHY WOULD


WHY WOULD THIS CAUSE AMNESIA?!


THE YANG SOUL DOMINATES THE NEUTURAL AND POSTITIVE MEMORIES.

While the Yin soul dominates negative memories.
I suspect everything tied to Hayate's regret and misery will be empowering his Yin soul.
which includes the tragic memories of Hayate's childhood and his friend Lucius.
But what caused

Hayate's Yin soul to take over is not something he already knew...
It must have been an exposure to a dreadful shock that rapidly powered up his dark energy to push out his Yang soul completely.
The Empress must have done something to Hayate that he couldn't handle, thus causing a spiritual breakdown.

THE QUESTION NOW IS...
WHAT?
WHAT COULD BE SO DREADFUL THAT THE

OTHER HALF OF HIS SOUL FLED HIS BODY?

I SEE..

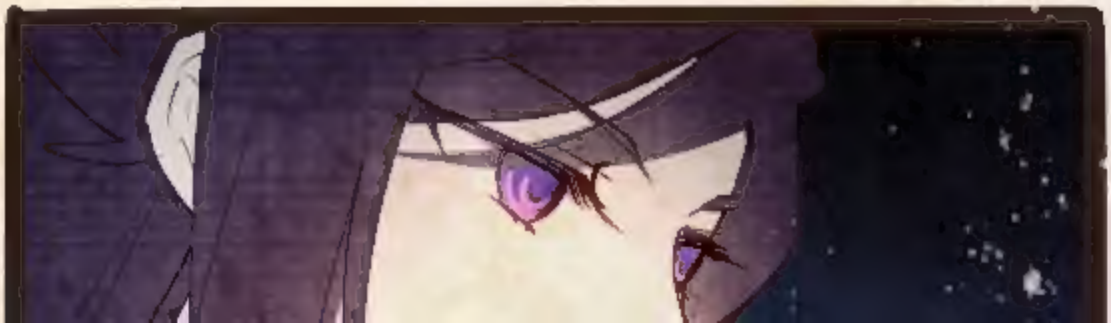
I REALLY CAN'T RECALL ANYTHING YOU TALKED ABOUT...

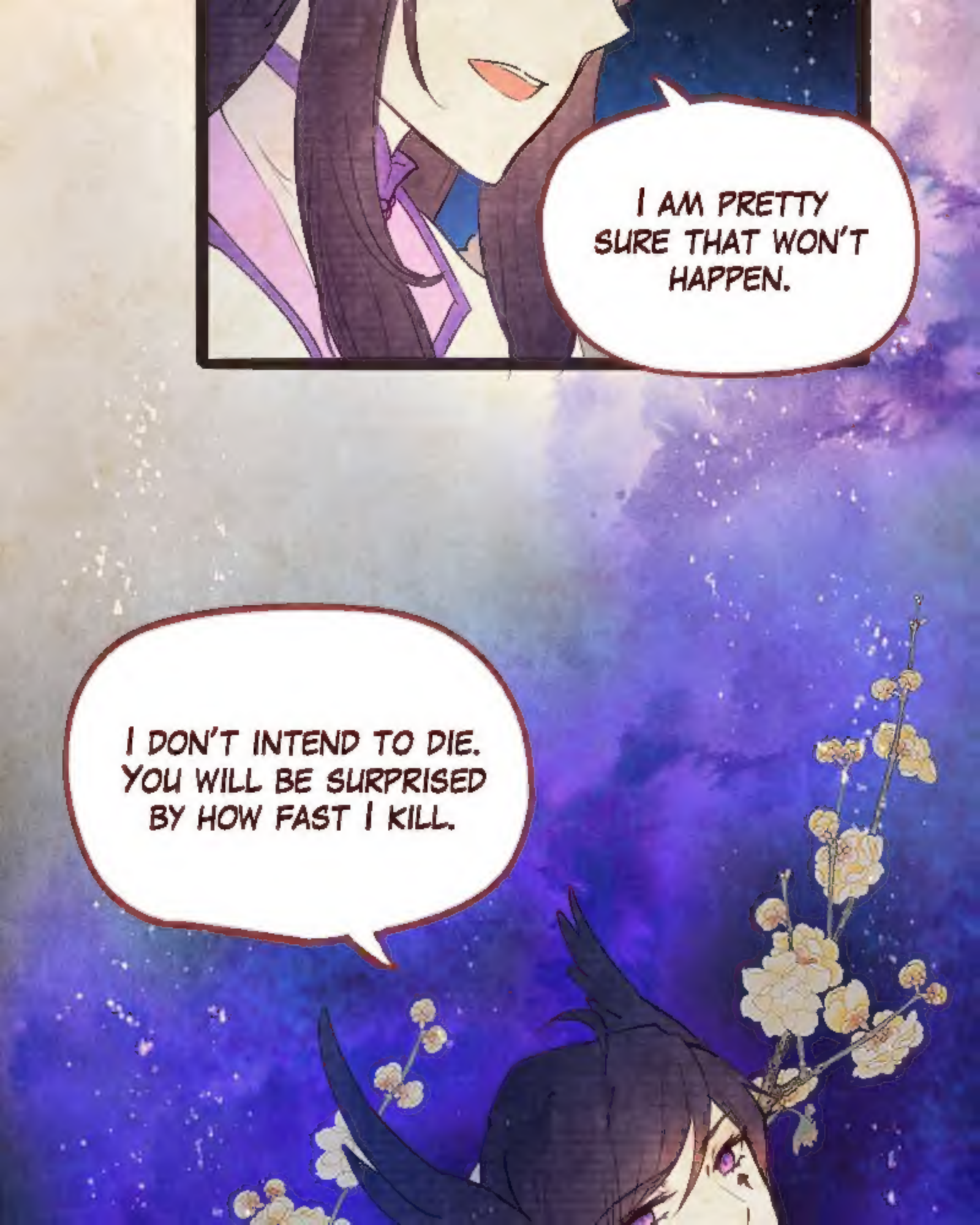
I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS WHY I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THOUGH I AM VERY CURIOUS ABOUT

WHAT I'VE FORGOTTEN.
HONESTLY, EVEN WHEN I USE MY POWERS TO IGNIGHT MY OPPONENTS' HATRED, I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING.

THE YANG SOUL SHOULDN'T BE USING HATRED AS ITS POWER SOURCE...
THE YANG SOUL USING THE YIN SOUL'S MANA BASE AS IT'S PRIMARY MAGIC SOURCE--
--MEANS THAT YOU MIGHT VANISH AT ANY TIME!
YOUR YIN SOUL HAS COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER TO A POINT THAT THE YANG HAS TO RELY ON THE YIN'S POWERHOUSE TO MAINTAIN ITS EXISTENCE--

GIVE ME A BREAK...
IF WE DON'T GET HIS YANG SOUL BACK INTO HIS BODY SOON, THEN..!




I AM PRETTY SURE THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
I DON'T INTEND TO DIE. YOU WILL BE SURPRISED BY HOW FAST I KILL.